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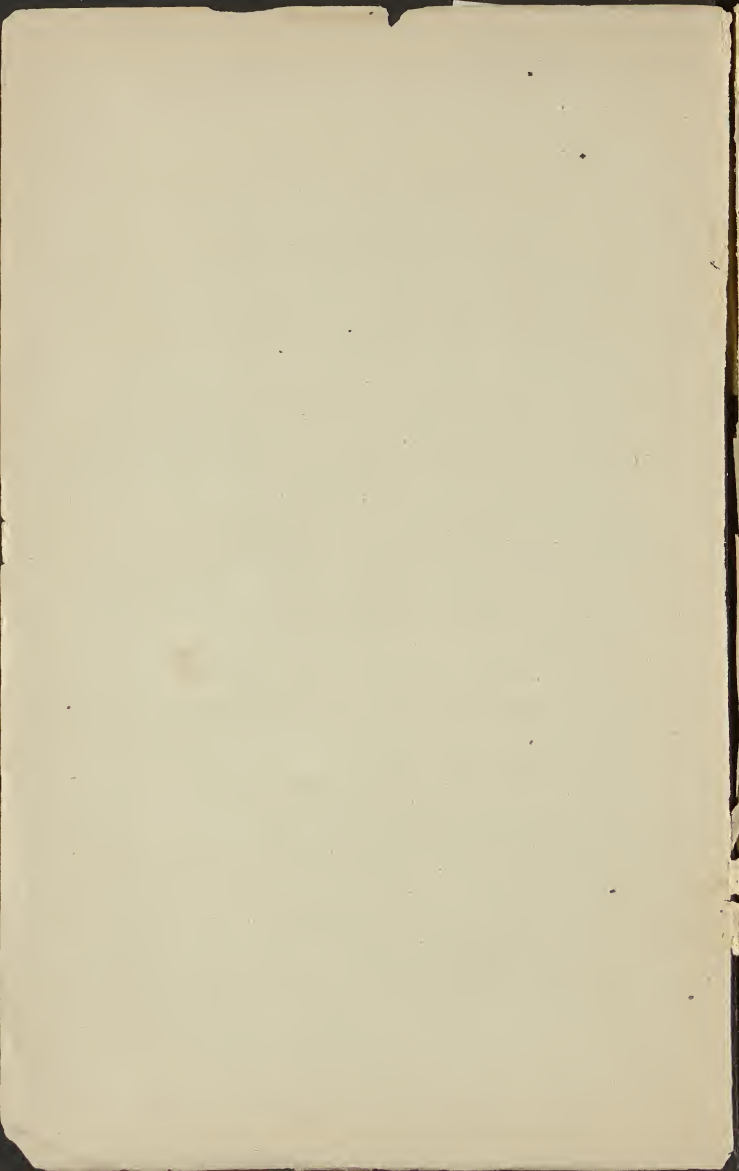
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ex officio members.

Constitution of the Convention.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred, and fraction of one hundred resident members; provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-three (33) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.

3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.
5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as committee of arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning, the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On arrangements for next year. (2) On Sunday-schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Women's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention, may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meetings, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberative assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year, one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the board, in his absence the Vice-President shall preside, in the absence of both President and Vice-President the board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex officio* secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the board, each year, it shall elect, from its members, an Executive Committee of thirteen (13) including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. It shall also appoint a Finance

Committee of three. It may appoint other committees as deemed expedient.

4. At the semi-annual meeting of the Board, in April, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a Superintendent of Missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent April, or semi-annual meeting.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the State, and for such terms of service, as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the State a printed circular setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches, and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year, in the months of October, January, April, and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall

keep a careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held, and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. He shall furnish for publication in the *Christian Secretary* brief reports of all important transactions in their meetings, as far as the interests of the Convention will admit. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal adviser, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April, and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

3. No appropriations shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church, without a pastor, applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended, or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided, shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to re-convey the property.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention, under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches, and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their action, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters, in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid, except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of these By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions or parts of the same, heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

STATE CONVENTION.

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CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound, by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contribution to its Treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the Minutes of the Convention.


APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, ought to be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

 All statistics respecting *members* and *finances* ought to be precise and accurate.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, land, houses, or other property*, for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness — both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds — as the case may be —* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

NEW BRITAIN, CONN., Oct. 18, 1887.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was convened in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church in New Britain, on the above date. After a half hour had been spent in a devotional service, the Convention was called to order by the President, Hon. Francis Wayland, promptly at 11 A. M.

The Committee of Arrangements reported through the Chairman, Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph.D., that the printed programme might be considered their report. On motion it was accepted, and the order of business indicated therein was followed throughout the meetings of the Convention.

Rev. I. F. Stidham delivered a cordial address of welcome, speaking in substance as follows :

"It gives me great pleasure to bid you all welcome. To get everything into the two days' time allotted to this Convention, will require the utmost brevity on the part of those who participate in the talking. Bearing this in mind, I must need be brief. During the past six weeks our hearts and minds have been full of this Convention; and I, to-day, in behalf of this church, say how gladly we all welcome you. It is many years since the Convention met in New Britain, and those years have seen many changes. In New Britain, we have been reaching out in many directions, until we are known the world over. We are ourselves reaching out until we may probably absorb Hartford and Meriden. While prospering in material matters, I trust we have not neglected matters of a spiritual nature. Let us all look forward to the future with a large hopefulness. May you all hear of blessed results in the years to come."

In reply to Dr. Stidham, President Francis Wayland said :

"I desire to thank you, in behalf of the Convention, for the expressions of friendliness and good-will which you have just uttered. You say, sir, that this Convention has occupied the hearts and minds of the people of New Britain for six weeks. We trust that the proceedings of the ensuing two days will be of such a nature that they will occupy our hearts and minds for the year to come. We are glad to learn from your lips, sir, such evidences of your prosperity, material and spiritual. We trust and hope that after you have absorbed Hartford and Meriden, and other near-by places, and you have any surplus energy left, you can and will devote it to the building up of the Baptist churches here and elsewhere."

The reading of the Constitution by the Secretary was, according to custom, next in order, but on motion was dispensed with.

The President appointed the following committees:

On Enrollment — Rev. E. S. Holloway, Rev. E. J. Bosworth, Rev. W. B. Vassar, Rev. E. W. Potter, Rev. G. L. Putnam, Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Mr. F. P. Lynch.

On Resolutions — Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. B. J. Savage, Rev. C. E. Torrey, Rev. S. G. Hastings, Rev. F. W. Kneeland.

On Nomination of Officers — Rev. J. R. Gow, Rev. H. A. Delano, Rev. B. W. Lockhart, Mr. A. J. Sloper, Rev. J. R. Stubbart, Rev. F. L. Knapp, Rev. D. H. Taylor, Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., Rev. G. H. Miner, Rev. J. W. Richardson, Mr. Edward Miller.

The Secretary then presented the Report of the Board of Trustees to the Convention, calling attention to the amended Constitution and the By-laws, which had been prepared by order of the Board, and had been accepted unanimously by the Board :

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Dear Brethren : Your Board respectfully submit the following report of their doings during the year just closed.

At the first meeting of the new Board, held in Waterbury, Oct. 19, 1886, an Executive Committee was appointed, as the rules of the Board require. The names of the brethren constituting this committee appear in last year's minutes. At the same meeting a Special Committee was appointed to "consider the expediency of appointing a missionary or missionaries and to nominate suitable persons to the board for such appointment." This special committee was constituted as follows:—Hon. Fran-

cis Wayland, Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., Rev. J. R. Stubbart, Rev. J. V. Garton, brethren T. W. Potter, W. S. Bronson, and James Lockwood.

Upon the action of this committee have largely depended the gratifying results of the year's work. At a special Board Meeting, called in New Haven, Nov. 22d, this committee was enabled to report that "they had diligently attended to the matter entrusted to them, and, after careful consideration, they unanimously recommend the appointment of Rev. C. A. Piddock, as Superintendent of Missions, at a salary of \$1,500 a year and necessary expenses, his appointment to date from the day of his acceptance." This nomination was unanimously agreed upon by the board, twenty of whose thirty-nine members were present. Brother Piddock subsequently wrote a letter of acceptance to the President, and entered upon his labors on Jan. 1, 1887. As further modifying the terms of the appointment of the Superintendent of Missions, it will be seen that in the by-laws adopted this year by your Board, the year of service of the Superintendent is to be reckoned from the semi-annual Board Meeting in April. The reason for this change is that the work of the Convention may not be left without an agent to prosecute it in the most important season of the year — the fall and early winter.

The wisdom of the Board in selecting Rev. C. A. Piddock as Superintendent of Missions has been entirely justified by the history of his nine months of service. He has already very firmly entrenched himself in the affection and confidence of his brethren. He has proved himself, as your Board felt assured he would, wise in council, indefatigable in working. As his report, which we have the pleasure of laying before you will show, he has visited every one of the churches aided by the Convention, and become conversant with their condition. He has assisted materially by his advice, in the settlement of efficient men as pastors. He has succeeded in organizing, without any expense to the Convention, an efficient church in Fitchville. He has aided in revival work in at least three places, where his ministry has been greatly blessed, and his influence has strengthened and encouraged the pastor. He has also stimulated the churches to larger contributions for the work of the Convention, not so much by personal appeal, as by the fact being made so apparent to them, that, through him, something was being done. Your Board cordially endorse brother Piddock's work, and heartily commend him to the Convention and to the succeeding board, trusting that under his wise leadership the Convention will not only be able to do better the work they have been doing, but also be able to enter with a large liberality some of those inviting fields, which though demanding a large present outlay, have in them the promise of abundant prosperity and continuing enlargement.

At the second meeting of your Board held also in Waterbury, Oct. 20th, a committee was appointed consisting of Hon. Francis Wayland, Hon. James L. Howard, and Wm. F. Walker to "draft by-laws for the proper custody of the funds of the Convention, and to consider the expediency of appointing a Finance Committee, and report at their earliest convenience to the Board or to the Executive Committee." At the meeting of the

Board in New Haven, Nov. 22d, this committee was further instructed "to prepare a code of by-laws for the government of the Board of Trustees, and of its Executive Committee, and also to recommend any changes they may deem necessary in the Constitution of the Convention." This Committee reported to the Board of Trustees in New London, Jan. 17, 1887. This report, with a few verbal amendments, was unanimously adopted by your Board. There was a further amendment, by addition, made to the rules governing appropriations, at the meeting of your Board in New Britain, April 18, 1887. This amended Constitution your Board has now the honor to submit to you for your adoption. Your Board would also ask of you your approval of the by-laws of the Board of Trustees—which by-laws your Board has already adopted. The report of this committee forms a part of the report of your Board and is herewith submitted. It will be remembered that in 1885 a committee appointed for the purpose, reported to the Board of that year an amended Constitution which the Board accepted, and voted to recommend to the Convention for adoption. But this amended Constitution either failed of being reported to the Convention, or was rejected by the Convention. Your Board trusts that this report, which has been carefully prepared by the committee intrusted to prepare it, will receive the immediate attention of the Convention, and if found acceptable, be adopted, and become at once operative.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The meetings of your Board during the year have been as follows:—the three, to which allusion has already been made, viz., Oct. 19th and Oct. 20th, both at Waterbury, and Nov. 22d at New Haven. The regular quarterly meetings were held Jan. 17, 1887, in New London; April 18, 1887, in New Britain; and July 13, 1887, at Crescent Beach. There were also three sessions of the Executive Committee, Feb. 21, 1887, in New Haven; April 26, 1887, in Middletown; and Aug. 23, 1887, in New Haven. The business attended to at these several meetings was, with a few exceptions herewith noted, of the ordinary routine nature.

The special actions of your Board and its Executive Committee that it seems needful to bring to the notice of the Convention are as follows:

1st. At the meeting held Nov. 22, 1886, it was *Resolved*, "That the Executive officers of the Board, together with the Superintendent of Missions be empowered to select a suitable person or persons for evangelistic work, under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions at a salary not exceeding \$1,200 per year or pro rata and necessary expenses."

The necessity that the Superintendent of Missions should first become thoroughly conversant with the condition of the churches before he could wisely direct this work, the difficulty of securing at once a suitable person or persons for the work without calling them from the pastorate, and so being obliged to make their position permanent, and the fear that the receipts from the churches would not cover so largely increased an expenditure, have hitherto prevented the appointment of such evangelistic labor-

ers. But your Board would respectfully urge the wisdom and necessity of such a measure upon their successors. The numerous calls your Superintendent has received for such services, far beyond his ability to answer them favorably, is a sufficient proof of their necessity. Your Board also feel that the churches receiving such aid would so generously requite it that it would make but little extra draft upon your treasury. But your Board would at the same time urge that the selection of such a man, or men, be left largely to the discretion of your Superintendent of Missions upon whose advice and coöperation the measure must depend so largely for success.

2d. At the meeting in New Britain, April 18, 1887, your Board had their attention especially called to the status of the Memorial Baptist Church in Hartford. This church is occupying a most important field, and, under favorable conditions, would spring at once into a self-sustaining, prosperous church, "able to help others also," and this without sensibly weakening, but rather strengthening the older, well-established churches of that city. The church received large accessions during the ministry of its former able pastor, and is now served by Rev. Mr. Emery who has made a record of successes in his former pastorates. Through the generosity of our esteemed brother, Capt. Ebenezer Morgan of Groton, they are occupying at a very small cost to themselves, a commodious chapel on a most desirable site. But the insecurity of their tenure of this property operates greatly against the permanence of their growth.

Your Board seeing the importance of this field, and feeling that a large expenditure on the part of the great sisterhood of Baptist churches in Connecticut (if such expenditure is needed), to secure this property to the church, would be a wise investment for the future, and trusting also to the well-known liberality of our brother Capt. Morgan, appointed a committee to take the entire matter under advisement, and on consultation with the Memorial Church, and the other Baptist churches of Hartford on the one hand, and with Captain Morgan on the other hand, "take such steps as might be necessary to put the church into permanent possession of the property they are now occupying." The committee appointed for this purpose was constituted as follows: Hon. Francis Wayland, Hon. James L. Howard, brother James Lockwood, brother Wm. F. Walker, and Rev. C. A. Piddock.

Owing to the absence of Captain Morgan from the country, and perhaps from other causes, this committee has not reported any progress. Your Board would urgently recommend this measure to their successors, satisfied that by taking up such enterprises as these and bringing them to a successful issue, they would not only accomplish a great work in itself, but would arouse the enthusiasm of our churches and draw abundantly from the resources of our denomination, and increase their annual contributions ten-fold. There are other most promising enterprises in our large cities, which should neither be left to struggle unaided, nor to depend

wholly upon churches in their own vicinity, but should receive the generous support of the denomination throughout the State, till they are firmly and permanently established.

3d. At the meeting at Crescent Beach, July 13, 1887, it was *Voted*, "That Hon. James L. Howard and Brother James Lockwood be appointed as agents to sell the farm belonging to the Convention, located at Mt. Carroll, Carroll Co., Illinois, on such terms as they may be able to effect, and give a valid title thereto." The reasons for this action of your Board are found in these facts. The revenues from this farm, which for several years past has been let on shares, have been very uncertain, varying from \$700 to nothing. This results partly from the uncertainty of crops, and partly from the necessity of outlay, in the repairs of buildings. Under the advice of the executive officers of your board, Rev. W. H. Butrick visited the farm in May, on his way to the anniversaries in Minneapolis. He held a protracted interview with the local agent, whom he found to be a man of sound judgment and enjoying the entire confidence of the community. This gentleman advised the sale at any fair price. Mr. Butrick also personally inspected the farm, which he describes as inconveniently located, very much reduced from want of proper cultivation, and its buildings in a condition of ruinous decay. He also fully concurred in the opinion of the local agent. It was on the representation of these facts that your Board authorized the sale.

The committee has had some correspondence on the subject of the sale; but your Board does not understand that any sale has been consummated. In the judgment of your Board this committee will still continue to have authority under the action of the Board, as they are not simply a committee, but authorized agents. Should it appear that their authority lapses with the authority of the Board that appointed them, your Board would recommend their re-appointment.

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY CHURCHES.

For a detailed report of our Missions and Missionary Churches, we respectfully refer you to the printed report of your Superintendent of Missions, and the statistical table prepared by the Recording Secretary. It will be seen by these that nearly all the interests you are fostering have been carried on with at least the usual degree of efficiency, and have met with an encouraging success. Some of these seem to call for special mention in the report of the Board.

Shelton.—It is very gratifying to your Board to be able to report that the ministry of our Brother James G. Ditmars which promised so well has even more than fulfilled its promise. This church reported to its association an addition of 16 by baptism and 15 by letter, making a total membership of 75, a relative increase over last year of nearly 60 per cent. The outlook is still brighter for the future. The Convention can but rejoice at the agency they have had in setting this young and vigorous church upon its feet.

Rockville.—This church, which has so long shared in the benevolence of the Convention (and we may say in its anxieties) has this year passed through the wilderness—crossed the Jordan and fairly entered into the promised land. Their house of worship was dedicated substantially free from debt. A mortgage note, without interest, has been executed to the Convention, which, in the event of the church ceasing to exist, secures to the Convention the amount given to the church for buildings. A small debt was incurred in altering their seats and finishing the grounds, etc., but this the church itself is providing for. Rev. E. W. Potter has entered upon the pastorate, with very encouraging prospects, and is already seeing the fruits of his ministry. The church is to be congratulated on securing the services of so able and consecrated a young pastor.

Fitchville.—Your Superintendent of Missions has succeeded in organizing a church in this thriving village. It occupies a very complete and handsome house of worship, and enjoys an income from an invested fund, which, together with what can be raised upon the field, will render the church independent of any aid from the Convention. This success furnishes ground for great satisfaction, because the field is true missionary ground—this church being the only evangelical church accessible to the residents of this village.

There are other churches to which your Board would call special attention; such as New Hartford, New Canaan, Rowayton, Spring Hill, Willington; but the report of your Superintendent will give all needed information.

It should not fail to be noticed, that in the case of nearly one-half of these mission churches, they occupy substantially mission ground. In case their light should go out, whole districts would be left in total darkness. Where there are two or three feeble churches struggling for a precarious life, there can be no doubt that one or more of such churches should be suffered to die, that they may increase the living force of the one left; though it may be, and will be, a question *which* one is to consent to die that the rest may live. Your Board can feel little enthusiasm in this part of their work; and were all our mission churches in such fields, we should have no confidence in appealing to our churches for money.

But where, as is the case with so many, we are helping to keep alive the only Christian church in a large though scattered community, there can be no question of our duty. Even more obligatory than our duty to carry the gospel to heathen lands and to Asia and Africa is the duty of keeping our own land from becoming heathenized. These country districts will still be the sources of influence for our villages and cities. Is not the time coming when the great tide of immigration to the West, from the East, will turn backwards and compel a denser population, and a more thorough cultivation of the large farming districts in our Eastern States, which, through the last few years have been desolate and uninhabited? The tendency is already manifest, at least to retain what we have, and the natural increase of population will rehabilitate our hills and valleys. So from self-preservation we must "strengthen the things which remain."

Your Board would call the attention of the Convention to this class of churches, because it is among them that the services of earnest and able evangelistic ministers are needed to assist the discouraged pastors and churches, to gather in the harvest that may still be gleaned from these fields, where there will be none to dispute for the possession of the fruit of their labors, and where the churches may be brought up to the condition of self-support.

German Missions.—Rev. John Jæger has labored through the greater part of the year in New Britain and vicinity. He was appointed as missionary at the April meeting, his appointment dating from Jan. 1, 1887. His work is well spoken of by those best acquainted with it, and he is reaping satisfactory results. For further information concerning the German work we quote from the report of your missionary in Bridgeport—Rev. William Ritzman:

“Bridgeport.—Your missionary has labored here the whole year without interruption, except the time spent in other missionary stations; . . . our prayers have been answered in the adding of six precious souls to our little flock. The little band of fifteen had pledged themselves to promote the kingdom of God among their countrymen, and their labor has not been in vain. I have made during the year over 600 visits, . . . and have introduced about fifty German religious papers—the “American Messenger.” . . . Our Sunday-school is in a good condition. We have added a library of 230 volumes.

“Seymour.—Since the fifteenth of June I have taken charge of the German mission at Seymour. I have gone almost weekly to preach the Word of Christ there. Two conversions have gladdened our hearts there. The Sunday-school is again in a flourishing condition. Out of seventy-one German families, about twenty-five are connected with our mission. Average attendance at services, twenty-five.

“Waterbury.—Last spring the prospects of this mission were extremely discouraging. There were not held any German services, and the Sunday-school had decreased alarmingly. The brethren made one more effort to redeem the lost ground. They secured the services of Mr. C. A. Daniel, who at once entered into the work with enthusiasm, and his efforts were crowned with success. The attendance at all the services constantly increased. On the last Sunday in August, at the close of our brother's farewell sermon, twenty-five rose for prayers. Thirty families are connected with this mission. Mr. Daniels obtained the confidence of all, and has consented to return after the completion of his studies next spring. Meanwhile, I have promised to supply the field as frequently as possible. I visit Waterbury and Seymour once a month on Sundays, and two or three times a month on week-days.”

WILLIAM RITZMAN.

French Mission.—Your Board found at the beginning of the year, that though Rev. Samuel Etienne had been supposed, by the former Board, to have resigned his position and ceased his work among the French in Put-

nam, Danielsonville, and vicinity, he had continued the work without intermission, and was still in the service of the Home Mission Society, and that Society supposed him to be still in your employ. Though aware that there was some cause for dissatisfaction with this brother, yet because of the danger of interrupting this work too suddenly, and at the earnest entreaty of the brethren of the Board having this mission directly in charge, your Board thought it wise to recognize the continuous service of Mr. Etienne, and to reappoint him for this year. Circumstances, however, soon arose, which called for the severance of this connection; and, acting in concert with the Home Mission Society, Brother Etienne's labors ceased March 1, 1887. There was but one month's intermission in the work. On April 26th, the Executive Committee met in Middletown and appointed to the mission Brother W. H. Dalpè—a brother who came very highly recommended by Rev. Mr. Williams and by the brethren in Grand Ligne, where he had been a teacher as well as a pupil. Brother Dalpè is giving very great satisfaction to all who have any knowledge of his work.

Swedish Mission.—At the board meeting in April, Rev. F. O. Lönn was appointed as missionary to the Swedes. He had been laboring among them, and under pay by the Home Mission Society, since Nov. 1, 1886. Soon, however, some differences arose in the further prosecution of the work, and Brother Lönn's connection with the Board ceased. No one has taken his place since.

Your Board are deeply impressed with the conviction, that this entire subject of mission work among our foreign-born population is of increasing magnitude, and requires very patient and careful investigation. With so many thousands of German and French and Scandinavian people among us, we cannot turn away from the duty of carrying the gospel to them: especially since God is providentially raising up and training so many men from among themselves, who are competent to carry on this work, if only the means of support are secured to them. Foreign missions can now be prosecuted at home, and by men who do not need to spend the five best years of their life in learning the language in which to preach the gospel of God's grace. This work is, however, surrounded with difficulties. Your Board trusts that those who are to come after them will have wisdom to direct them, and means placed at their disposal to prosecute this work to success.

FINANCES.

At the beginning of the year, the Board found a balance on the treasurer's books of \$78.60, applicable to domestic missions. But this balance was more seeming than real. Many of the appropriations for the last quarter of the last year had not been made. Your Board found itself compelled to appropriate, to settle the unpaid bills of last year, the sum of \$794.48; and this beside the pledge of the board of the balance of the \$1,500 to Rockville, which was yet unprovided for. The ordinary appropriations would have to be made. Also, provision must be made to pay the salary of the Superintendent of Missions.

On the first of January, the executive officers issued an appeal to the churches, asking for \$5,000; about twice the amount reported for the year preceding. The report of your treasurer will show how the churches have responded. Your Board know that in many cases "the double contribution" has been reached. In some cases it has been exceeded. As the year has passed, your Board has seen gratifying evidence of increased confidence and increased liberality on the part of the churches. Were we now at the beginning, or even at the middle, instead of at the close, of the financial year, we should be confident of realizing our expectations, and leaving a satisfactory balance in the treasury. At the time of writing this report, it is impossible for us to say how much has been secured.

Your Board would urge more systematic benevolence; also that a larger share of the money raised by our churches be designated to domestic missions — as the prime importance of work in our own State certainly justifies; and that an effort be made to secure contributions early in the year, that the treasurer be saved from the need of borrowing and the expense of paying interest.

OBITUARY.

It has been customary for the Board to incorporate in its report, obituary notices of the death of ministers and others prominent in Christian work in our State. But a committee for this especial purpose was appointed on the floor of the Convention. To this committee we may look for the performance of this duty. Three, however, have been taken from among our own number since your last annual meeting — Rev. W. C. Walker, long the beloved and honored missionary of the Convention; Rev. G. W. Pendleton, pastor of Poquonnoc Bridge church; and brother W. H. Potter, a member of the Board of Trustees, long serving as Statistical Secretary of the Convention, and himself one of the committee appointed last year to prepare obituary notices of those who should die within the year.

Your Board, at its meeting in New Britain, appointed a special committee to prepare a suitable minute of these three brethren, to be incorporated in this report. But in the case of the two brethren last named, Brethren Potter and Pendleton, this minute has not been furnished. Doubtless the regular committee on obituaries will supply this lack of service. Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., has kindly furnished an appropriate tribute to the memory of Rev. W. C. Walker, which is herewith presented: —

"The death of Rev. William C. Walker, which took place at Andover, Conn., Oct. 28, 1886, removes from the State, and from the earthly church, one of the most efficient servants of the board of the Convention, and one of the most honored ministers of Christ, in our denomination in Connecticut. The Apostle Paul speaks to certain of his associates in service, as 'messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.' Brother Walker had definite aspirations for such high distinction as these words imply. He was a consecrated and indefatigable worker, and was per-

mitted to see, in numerous instances, the tokens of divine favor. His services in the interests of our Sunday-schools will not be forgotten. He loved to gather the neglected children into the school-houses and churches, where they could be taught the Word of Life. He was a patriot, in the noblest import of that term, and served well in the crisis of the nation's need. His pastoral work in New Britain, and in other fields, is warmly cherished by those who shared its results. Your committee deem it eminently fitting that this record should be made of him in the archives of the Baptist State Convention."

G. M. STONE.

Though it forms no part of the report of your Board, yet as an important part of the history of our churches—and that it may find a place upon your minutes we submit the following list of

CHANGES IN THE PASTORATE.

Within the State.—C. A. Piddock, from Middletown to State Superintendent; J. A. Bailey, from Branford; John Naylor, from Colchester to Niantic; J. G. Ward, from First Suffield to North Lyme; W. R. Terry, Montowese to Willington; E. J. Bosworth, from Montville to Southington; G. H. Holman, from Willimantic to Montville; J. B. Connell, from Moodus to Cromwell; D. C. Easton, from North Stonington to Fitchville; S. G. Silliman, from White Hills to Old Lyme; G. E. Nichols, from Southington; Wallace Crocker, from Lyme.

From the State.—D. E. Crafts, from Essex to Somerset, Mass.; A. J. Wilcox, from Noank to Broadalbin, N. Y.; A. E. Goff, from North Stonington to North Tisbury, Mass.; Wm. Gussmann, from Brooklyn to Adams Centre, N. Y.; R. McGonegal, from Norwalk; T. S. Samson, from New Haven to Buffalo, N. Y.; P. G. Wightman, from New London to Branford; G. F. Genung, from New London to Benedict Institute; A. J. Hughes, from Chester to Eastport, Me.; W. H. Burlew, from Waterford to —, N. J.; H. H. Johnson, from New Haven to —; E. M. Ogden, from Stepney; G. H. Kemp, from Easton to Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Dryden W. Phelps, from New Haven to Wilmington, Vt.

To the State.—D. H. Taylor, to Norwich Central, from Jamaica Plain, Mass.; F. E. Tower, to Bristol, from Brattleboro, Vt.; Asa Randlett, to North Ashford; J. Jæger, to German, New Britain; K. Newquist, to Swedish, New Haven; Geo. H. Jackson, to Emmanuel, New Haven; D. H. Miller, to First, Norwich; J. D. Graham, to West Woodstock; A. H. Simons, to Montowese, from Pownall, Vt.; E. E. Knapp to Essex, from Paterson. N. J.; J. D. Cromley to Deep River, from Port Byron, N. Y.; J. C. Emery, to Memorial, Hartford, from Lowell, Mass.; B. B. Gibbs, to Bloomfield, from Catskill, N. Y.; Jos. Butterworth, to Chester, from Hamilton Square, N. J.

ORDINATIONS.

Chas. E. Torrey, at Norwalk; D. G. Lawson, at Stepney; W. G. Fennell, at Middletown; W. L. Swan, at Noank; F. W. Kneeland, at Moodus; F. W. Brame, at New Milford; E. W. Potter, at Rockville; John O. Bergh, at New Haven.

Your Board beg leave to submit herewith a tabular statement of the condition of the churches and missions aided by the Convention. The returns made to the secretary are not complete, and the table is somewhat unsatisfactory. The table will be found at the close of the minutes.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Walker, presented his report, reading an abstract of the same. The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. [The report appears at the close of the minutes.]

The Superintendent of Missions, Rev. C. A. Piddock, presented a report of his nine months' work in the service of the Convention and of the present condition of the field. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

To the Board of the Connecticut Baptist Convention :

DEAR BRETHREN,—I desire to submit to you a report of the nine months of my work.

November 22, 1886, you gave me a unanimous invitation to the position of superintendent of missions. The heartiness of the call, the promises of support received from all parts of the State, and the leading of my own heart, all aided me in deciding that the call was of the Lord. Accordingly I entered upon the work January 1, 1887. The blessing of Christ has been upon the work from the first, and to Him be all the praise.

I will now give an account of the missionary churches.

STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

Poquonnoc Bridge.—This church was, early in the year, bereaved by the death of its pastor, Rev. G. W. Pendleton. The brethren were somewhat discouraged, but the Lord has been gracious to them, and they are now looking forward with a good degree of hope. Brother C. E. Tuller has supplied the pulpit since June. They will continue to need aid. This church is the only one within three miles' circuit, and has quite a population in the vicinity.

Pendleton Hill.—This ancient church, looking back over 150 years of history, continues to have Rev. D. F. Chapman as its pastor. There are many young people here that need to be gathered into the church. The church is thirteen miles from the nearest railroad station, Westerly, R. I., and has a territory ten miles square. It will need aid for the coming year.

Sterling.—Rev. E. S. Hill is the beloved pastor of this faithful people. The church is small in membership, and limited in resources, but it is doing a good work in a community where there is no other church.

ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.

Westford.—This church is at present without a pastor. There are only a few members, but the entire community for miles around would be destitute of the gospel if the church shall be abandoned—therefore it is

desirable to sustain this interest. We have endeavored to induce the brethren here to unite with the nearest Baptist church in the support of a pastor.

Spring Hill, Mansfield.—Rev. J. W. Brigham is the efficient pastor of this church, and is doing much to educate the people in benevolence and practical religion, as well as in preaching the gospel of salvation.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.

Rockville.—This church has completed its house of worship, and it was dedicated March 8th. The cost of the building was about \$8,000, of which sum the Convention paid \$1,500. The church has called Rev. E. W. Potter of Rochester Seminary, to the pastorate, and he was ordained August 3d. There is a good degree of harmony in the church, and Brother Potter has made an excellent beginning of his ministry, and the prospects of the church are good.

Tolland.—This church has continued about as last year. Rev. B. J. Savage has ably preached the gospel, and the church services have been well sustained, and peace and harmony reign among the brethren.

Memorial, Hartford.—Rev. H. P. Smith has, after a successful ministry, resigned the pastorate of this church, to enter upon the work of an evangelist. The church called Rev. J. C. Emory of Lowell, Mass., to be their pastor, and he began his labors September 1st. The congregations are large, and the prospects quite encouraging. There is a faithful band of workers in this church.

New Hartford.—Rev. F. F. Spencer continues to lead this people, and preaches to good congregations. This is one of our most promising missions fields, and is destined, we believe, to be a strong and flourishing church, though it will continue to need the help of the Convention for another year.

North and South Colebrook.—These interests are weak and feeble, and the most a pastor can do is to strengthen the things that remain. The exit of population from these places to the towns and cities, leaves the churches in the hill towns to grow weaker and weaker. Rev. W. W. Goodwin is the pastor of both these churches.

Plainville.—This church has received a donation of three thousand dollars from Rev. Russell Jennings, and will need no further aid. Rev. E. C. Miller, the pastor, is doing a good work.

East Cornwall, College Street.—This church enjoys the labors of Rev. E. B. Elmer one half of the time. Brother Elmer is one of our most earnest pastors, and is bound to win success in a hard field.

Bantam.—Rev. E. B. Elmer labors here one-half the time in connection with College Street. The congregations are good and the revival spirit is manifest. The brethren are trying hard to raise money to enlarge this house of worship. Our help will be needed at College Street and Bantam for the coming year.

Cornwall Hollow.—This is one of our weakest missionary interests. Brother Charles Gordon, a member of the First church, Hartford, has supplied

this church for a year, with much acceptance. Brother Gordon is unable to remain with them on account of ill health, and they need a pastor. It is a serious question what ought to be done by the board in this and similar cases. There are more Baptists in the growing towns of Torrington and Winsted, and yet we are doing nothing to establish churches in these towns. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to act with the superintendent in considering our Litchfield County mission fields.

Tariffville.—Bro. W. Ward West of Hartford, has supplied this church during the year. Rev. Russell Jennings has generously aided them in paying a burdensome debt, and they are much encouraged.

NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

Mt. Calvary, Norwich.—The pastor, Brother Roberts resigned in June, and the church is now without a pastor. God has His faithful ones here, who labor amid discouragement and trial.

Fitchville.—Although this new church has not been financially aided by the Convention, yet the superintendent has labored for its establishment, and has had a watch-care over it. Rev. E. J. Bosworth of Montville, now of Southington, was instrumental in organizing the church. Rev. D. C. Easton, has been called to the pastorate, and has begun his work. The church has a fine building, and an endowment of three thousand dollars.

Moodus.—Rev. J. B. Connell resigned the pastorate of this church January 1st, to accept a call to Cromwell. Brother Connell had done a good work in Moodus, and was much loved in the community. F. W. Kneeland of Rochester Theological Seminary was called, June 22d, and was ordained August 30th. Rev. Russell Jennings has materially aided this church. The outlook of the church is good.

NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.

Shelton.—This is one of our most promising fields, and an excellent degree of earnestness is manifest. Quite a number have been added to the church by baptism. Pastor Ditmars is laying good foundations for a strong church, and Mrs. Ditmars is developing the missionary spirit among the members.

FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Rowayton.—Rev. C. W. Potter, one of the wisest of pastors, has continued his labors here during the year. By his earnest efforts, the debt of the church has been removed, and money raised to build a parsonage. Rev. Russell Jennings has given the church a fund of three thousand dollars, so there will be no further need of aid.

New Canaan.—Rev. E. C. Sage of Yale Seminary, is at present supplying this field. Thanks to Rev. Russell Jennings, a debt of two hundred and fifty dollars has been removed, and a fund of three thousand dollars given to the church.

White Hills.—This church is at present without a pastor, and depends upon neighboring pastors to supply the pulpit. Rev. Russell Jennings has given them \$3,000 as a permanent fund.

IN GENERAL.

The missionary churches, as a whole, are in a most excellent condition. Unity and harmony prevail among the brethren, and the spirit of self-support is being more and more developed. The reports of the German missionaries Ritzmann, Jæger, and Daniels. Our French missionary Dalpé, and our Swede missionary, will doubtless come direct to you, and I will only say that, in my opinion, they are doing a good work. There is a great work to do among the foreign populations of the State, and just how to do it, is one of the great questions of our times.

THE WORK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

This being the first year of my labors, I have endeavored to become thoroughly acquainted with the field. I have preached in every one of the mission churches, besides holding revival services in Stonington, Chester, and other places. In Stonington there were a goodly number of additions to Dr. Palmer's church. I have aided, by advice, several churches to heal divisions and in financial perplexities—as well as carried on an extensive correspondence. Since January 1st, I have preached in thirty-two churches, besides addressing twenty-four Sunday-schools. I have preached every Sunday, and usually several times during the week, and have promised to labor with several churches, in revival effort, during the present season. To recount the number of miles traveled is of little interest to you. My reception by the pastors and churches has been of the most cordial character. I have not been able, during the nine months of my work, to do much in the way of raising money, but have encouraged the churches to communicate directly with the treasurer. In looking back over the past, we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." There is a great work for the Baptists of Connecticut, if we only rise to the measure of our opportunities. We need not only to be Baptists in name but in fact, and to propagate our principles, believing them to be the word of God.

As will be seen by our report, Rev. Russell Jennings has aided several of our churches during the year. We would gratefully acknowledge the unselfish devotion of this aged servant of Christ to the interests of the churches. May the Lord reward him for all his labors of love.

FINANCIAL.

The following financial review may be of interest as showing the need of increased liberality on the part of our churches. It will be seen that we have fallen off in receipts from churches and individuals—during the last six years:

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| 1880-1, | | \$3,438.79 |
| 1881-2, | | 4,232.73 |
| 1882-3, | | 4,129.25 |

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| 1883-4, | \$3,554.46 |
| 1884-5, | 3,714.16 |
| 1885-6, | 2,225.77 |

With the exception of the years 1884, there has been a steady decrease in the receipts from churches and individuals during the past six years, and the receipts for 1886 were little more than half those of 1882.

We would earnestly urge upon the pastors of our churches the claims of the Convention work. At the present time the women of our State raise twice as much money for home and foreign missions as our treasury receives. No State in the Union, probably, has as many foreigners in proportion to its population as Connecticut, and with a field white and ready for the harvest, we need a deeper interest in the home field. The question for every one of our members is, what can I do to evangelize Connecticut? The Lieutenant-Governor of one of our New England States called on me the other day, and said, "I suppose you are engaged in evangelizing Connecticut." Yes, brethren, this is our work, not merely to oversee and aid a few mission churches, however important this may be, but to build new churches and to hold up Christ among the unsaved. The question is, are we ready for the work?

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES A. PIDDOCK.

On motion of Mr. Denison, the amended constitution and by-laws reported by the Board of Trustees was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported, through the chairman, Rev. J. R. Gow, re-nominating the officers of last year. Attention being called to the fact that the new constitution provides for only one secretary, the report was referred back to the committee, and, after amendment, was accepted.

On motion of Hon. J. L. Howard, it was voted, that the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the nominees, which, being done, the following were declared elected:

President, HON. FRANCIS WAYLAND, New Haven.

Vice-President, HON. JAMES W. MANNING, Putnam.

Secretary, REV. PHILIP S. EVANS, New Haven.

Treasurer, WM. F. WALKER, New Britain.

Auditor, A. J. CROFUT, South Norwalk.

President Wayland thanked the Convention for its expression of renewed confidence, and stated that he had made but two promises last year,—one was to fulfill the duties of his office to the best of his ability, the other was that the church with which he is connected should double their contribution to domestic missions. He

would make no claim to the fulfillment of the former pledge; of that the Convention is the judge; the latter promise had been redeemed, the First Church of New Haven having given, for the work of the Convention, \$425.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Dr. Palmer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Promptly at 2.30 P. M. the Convention was called to order by the President; and Rev. J. R. Stubbett offered prayer.

President Wayland stated that the question of the adoption of the amended constitution would still be considered as open, inasmuch as it was not certain that a two-thirds vote had been taken in the morning. The members of the Convention having had an opportunity to notice the proposed changes, were now at liberty to offer any motion or interpose any objection.

Rev. L. L. Potter moved that the constitution as amended be adopted; and the same was carried unanimously.

[The Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention are found at the beginning of these Minutes, as also the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees, for the convenience of future reference.]

Hon. James L. Howard reported, as chairman of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees, the following names: Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D., Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Rev. G. H. Miner, Rev. J. P. Brown, Rev. C. W. Potter, Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., Rev. J. V. Garton, Rev. W. H. Butrick, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. G. W. Holman, Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph.D., Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., Rev. W. V. Garner, D.D., Rev. D. H. Taylor, Rev. W. G. Fennell, Mr. Joseph W. Dimock, Hon. J. L. Howard, Mr. Eben. Morgan, Mr. A. J. Crofut, Mr. Edward Miller, Mr. W. S. Bronson, Mr. James Newcomb, Mr. James Lockwood, Mr. Isaac Anderson, Mr. C. F. Setchel, Mr. M. E. Morris, Mr. A. J. Shipley, Prof. M. H. Smith, Mr. Giles Potter.

On motion of Rev. C. A. Piddock, the chairman of the committee was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the nominees, who were then declared duly elected.

The President announced that the hour had arrived, as indicated

on the programme, for addresses on "The Work, Needs, and Prospects of the Convention."

On motion of Rev. L. L. Potter, it was voted that the time until 4.30 o'clock be divided equally between the six speakers, allowing fifteen minutes to each speaker.

Rev. A. G. Palmer of Stonington, then addressed the Convention in substance:

"I regard it as one of the choicest privileges of my life to say a few words on a subject which might include so much. I am told that I represent Eastern Connecticut. This is a large field, geographically and religiously; but a sort of '*terra incognita*' to many outside of it. . . . The Baptist cause early took root in this portion of the State, and several churches were formed as early as the middle of the eighteenth century. The pastors of these churches labored hard and earnestly, like Paul, ministering with their own hands to their bodily wants; yet they were, doubtless, lacking in some of the qualities needed to build up strong and permanent churches. . . . Some of these churches need recuperating. The work that is being done by the Superintendent of Missions is excellent and meets my hearty approval. But what is one man among so many churches? Why, in Eastern Connecticut alone we need three or four such men. . . . It is just as much missionary ground in some of these districts as in Africa or Asia. Until the harvest now white is reaped and garnered, God grant this field may be occupied."

Rev. Kittridge Wheeler of Hartford, then addressed the Convention. In a bright and humorous vein he heartily complimented the Superintendent of Missions. He said among many other things:

"I am glad that so much has been done in fields where there are no other evangelical churches. The people in these isolated communities must have the Gospel. There is also proper 'foreign missionary work' right here at home. . . . The State Convention can fight heathenism and sin at short range. . . . Eastern Connecticut, where most of the cotton mills are found, has 16,000 French. There are 60,000 Germans in the State, and more than 7,000 Swedes, besides very many of other nationalities. . . . I am told that every third person you meet is a Roman Catholic. Do we know what this means for the future of our country?"

Rev. D. H. Taylor of Norwich, said:

"In looking over the report from last year's Minutes, I find that eastern Connecticut leads only in the death-rate. Still I am satisfied that we make a very creditable showing in the matter of benevolence, considering the financial weakness of many of our churches. We are trying to stimulate our

churches to more earnest work and a more aggressive spirit. In our corner of the State we seem to be so near Rhode Island on the east and Massachusetts on the north that we are sometimes in doubt as to what State we do belong in. . . . The prospects of the Convention will largely depend on the character and position of the churches helped. While we must still foster the hill-country churches, we must concentrate our energies upon the churches that are starting, or ought to be started, in the centers of manufacturing interests, where the people are massing themselves. . . . Our effort should be to encourage all our churches in their evangelistic efforts in bringing souls to Christ. It is not the material house of worship but the spiritual Temple we should be most concerned in building."

Rev. F. L. Knapp of Danielsonville, made a plea for the smallest field in the State:—

"From our country fields young men go to our cities and become rich and influential. If converted in the little country church, these young men are not only saved themselves, but they become active and prominent members of our larger town and city churches. These men owe a debt they can never pay to the Convention that has kept these country churches alive. Would they only remember to do what they could there would never be any want of funds to carry on our work. . . . It has been noticed many times that the leading men in our ministry in this and other States were once country boys, born and reared in village and country churches. Let such churches die and you cut off the sources of supply. . . . This Convention work is one we cannot neglect."

Rev. J. V. Garton of Meriden, said:

There are three reasons why the work of the Convention is difficult of accomplishment. First, the work extends over a large territory, so that few churches or the board are personally acquainted with the field. Second, there is great paucity of means. While I would not have the churches withhold any part of their contributions to our great national societies, I would have them double and quadruple their gifts to Domestic Missions. If this could not be done without lessening other gifts—if they are doing their utmost in benevolence—then, sad as the alternative may seem, I would have them do less for Foreign Missions that they may do more for Domestic Missions; for after all our home churches are to be in the future, as now, the only sources of supply of men and of money to carry forward the conquests of the Gospel in heathen lands.

The third difficulty is that of properly adjusting the work of the Convention to the needs of the local church. Churches should be helped so that they may help themselves. Our charity organizations have brought to light the fact that indiscriminate almsgiving has developed generations of paupers—a controlling heredity of mendicancy. Our weaker churches

of course are far from desiring to develop a spirit of dependency. Many of them have, as soon as they were able, and before they were able, assumed the entire burden of their own support. Perhaps a more generous support of others of these churches *now*, would result in soon enabling them to support themselves. There is such a thing, in helping feeble churches, as "a penny-wise and pound-foolish" policy. . . . Criticism of the board is easy. Those who do the least themselves are, generally, the freest with their criticism. . . . You ask for results? These country churches give us men—consecrated laymen, able ministers, devoted missionaries. Very few of these come from city churches. It is ungrateful not to give these churches money, when they give us men. . . . The needs of the Convention are: *First*, money. *Second*, the unifying of State work. I would suggest the appointment of three men from each Association, to have in charge the work in the limits of their Association, one of these to be a member of the board. *Third*, what we all need for all our work, and what we most of all need—renewed consecration to God.

Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., of New Canaan, said:

That so much had been said he would only attempt to recapitulate the principal points made by the previous speakers, and emphasize them. He then gave an excellent summary of the preceding speeches. He believed every dollar laid out in aiding feeble churches and in supporting missionaries, including those who speak in foreign tongues, had been and would be wisely expended. He only wished the amount of money at the service of the Convention could be many times increased.

He also spoke of the little church in New Canaan, which had been encouraged so much by the Convention. They had raised in benevolence nearly as much as they had received. They had also refitted their house of worship, reorganized their Sunday-school, and under the ministry of their young pastor, C. E. Sage, were fast approaching a condition of entire self-support. He believed the same possibilities were before other churches, if the aid the Convention is able to give them be liberal and wisely directed.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. A. E. Reynolds, and carried:

Resolved, That this Convention approves the plan of unification suggested by Rev. J. V. Garton, and recommends its adoption by the Board in the work of the ensuing year.

Hon. James L. Howard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to comply with Article 5 of the new Constitution, the Board of Trustees shall, at their first meeting, in such way as they may deem best, divide themselves into three classes, to hold office one year, two years, and three years, respectively.

The above resolution was carried without debate.

The President announced that the next thing in order would be to hear from the missionaries and pastors aided by the Convention; and all such in the house were invited to seats upon the platform.

Rev. John Jaeger of the German Church, New Britain; Rev. Wm. Ritzmann, assistant pastor at East Bridgeport, and missionary to the Germans; Rev. Asa Randlett of North Ashford; Rev. C. E. Tuller, supply at Poquonnoc Bridge; Rev. C. W. Potter of Rowayton; Rev. E. W. Potter of Rockville; Rev. B. J. Savage of Tolland; Rev. E. B. Elmer of Bantam; Rev. Wm. Goodwin of North Colebrook; and Rev. D. F. Chapman of Pendleton Hill, addressed the Convention, each speaking a few minutes on the work in their respective fields.

On motion of Rev. Kittridge Wheeler of Hartford, Rev. A. M. Harrison of Hartford, spoke of the present condition and needs of the Union Baptist Church of that city.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. D. F. Chapman.

TUESDAY EVENING.

At the close of the devotional meeting, the Convention was called to order by President Wayland at 7.30. The choir rendered an anthem.

The President announced as Committee on Place and Preacher for next Annual Meeting: Rev. H. A. Delano of South Norwalk; Mr. A. P. Carroll of Norwich; Hon. J. W. Manning of Putnam; Rev. W. H. Butrick of New Haven; Prof. M. H. Smith of Suffield; and Rev. G. H. Miner of Mystic.

Rev. W. H. Butrick read:

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

The year just closing has been marked by various tokens of encouragement, showing that the interest and success of our work both in the home department, and abroad, is steadily increasing. The door is now wide open to every land sitting in darkness, for the messengers of the Light of the World to enter and proclaim: "The true light now shineth." Most markedly has the Master by His providence and His word called the Christian woman to bear, with others, this glad message, and as we look on these broad fields, all ready for the harvest, the call "go work to-day in my vineyard," comes with new force, and thrilling power. And very rich has been the success, and reward of those who have heeded the call and

laid the sheaves they have gathered, humbly at the Master's feet. Yet a large proportion of the women in our churches have still no part in this God given work. And so surely is the time rapidly approaching, when for each one the opportunity of labor shall cease, that we are more inclined to spend the few moments given to us to-day in pleading with these dear sisters to heed now the command of our Saviour, then we are to spend the time in presenting this report. But it is a duty, as well as a privilege to acknowledge the guiding, upholding hand of the Master we serve, and the blessing He has bestowed on the work accomplished in His name. And it will give you, dear sisters, fresh courage and hope, to recall these tokens of our Saviour's love.

It has been our great joy and privilege to send another dear young sister from our State to labor personally for the heathen. Miss Johanna Schuff, daughter of Rev. J. Schuff, pastor of the German Baptist Church, New Haven, was appointed missionary to Madras, India, and sailed for her field of labor on the sixth of the month. Gifted and consecrated to Christian service, she has cheerfully listened to the call of the Master, and given up home and country to teach the secluded women of the Zenanas of India, and the outcast Hindo widows, of a Saviour's love. Another hopeful feature the past year, is the interest which has been growing among the young ladies in some of our churches. The problem, "How shall we retain the young ladies who have advanced beyond the mission bands, and do not find it practicable to meet with the women's circles?" has been in part solved, in some places, by the young ladies being organized into a Young People's Society, for instruction, work, and a pleasant social hour. Not only are the young ladies interested and instructed, but their young gentlemen friends are invited to join them, and assist in reading and preparing papers on the subject of missions. Thus they are helped to gain information of their personal duty to the heathen, which many so much need. The boys' bands, "Rope Holders" are increasing slowly in numbers. We are glad to report a small increase over the gifts of the preceding year. In addition to the regular meetings in connection with our work, a meeting by special request was held in July, at the seaside resort, "Crescent Beach," in connection with the Bible School Union. The services were deeply interesting, and held closely the attention of the large audience in the tabernacle for over two hours. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit were manifest to all.

The Southeastern Conference have been sadly bereaved by the death of their president, Mrs. P. A. Nordell, who for two years had served them most ably and acceptably. The seed she has sown, the influence for Christ she has exerted, will go on bearing rich fruit, though other hands take up the sickle she has dropped at the Master's call.

The Hartford Conference have held their regular meeting with unabated interest and success, and the members are cheered this year by being able to report the largest contribution the Conference has ever given to our work.

The meetings of the New Haven Conference have been largely attended

and richly blessed. Their offerings have also been increased the past year, and the richest gift of all is the messenger they have sent, now on her way to the high caste and low caste women of India. At their last quarterly meeting, a very tender and impressive parting service was held in connection with the departure of Miss Schuff for her field of labor. Every heart was touched as she told of the Master's call to her, and her willingness to consecrate herself to the mission work. The pledge given by that large audience to remember her and her work will not be forgotten.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Mrs. J. R. Stubbett of the Ashford Association, writes: "We have now in our church in Putnam, four Foreign Mission Societies — Women's Circle, Young People's Society, Boys' Band, and Children's Band; we have also a flourishing Home Missionary Society, and a church social. Quite enough, some would say, but judging from the amount of money raised in each, and the interest there is attending them all, we could not well be without any of them. Most of the churches here made contributions, although some are so small they think it not expedient to form a circle."

Hartford.—Miss Hansell, Secretary, writes: "We hold our monthly meetings now alternately with the First and Second Churches. The meetings are well attended. The Young Ladies' Band in Hartford, have accomplished most successful work the past year.

Fairfield.—Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, Secretary, untiring in her efforts and prayers, sees, among some discouragements, tokens of success. She has been cheered with the increasing interest in the Stamford circle, and the addition of a new circle in East Bridgeport.

New Haven.—Miss F. L. Twiss, Secretary. Three new circles have been organized, connected with newly formed churches, and another added by transfer from the New London Associations; thus she is able to still report a circle in every church in the association.

Stonington Union.—Miss Bessie Hancox, Secretary, reports some gain over last year's offerings.

New London is still cared for faithfully by Mrs. G. A. Lester, who regrets that she must report a smaller offering than that of last year. The mission bands, with varying interest, have continued to hold their meetings and send in their contributions, and have another year paid the salary of Miss Sheldon.

The amount contributed by this society during this year is \$4,341.76. From this amount have been paid the salaries of Miss Belle Watson, Bassein, Burma, Mrs. M. C. Douglass, Rangoon, Miss A. R. Gage, now in this country, Miss M. Sheldon, Maulmain, just returned from her field of labor. This includes the amount of \$440.87, given toward the support of Miss Bond of Assam, and Miss Rolman of Japan. To assist Miss Schuff while studying to prepare for missionary work and aid in her outfit, a special gift of \$305.55 has been given by friends in the State, outside of the regular contributions to our work, making the whole

amount contributed \$4,780.89. Nor must we neglect to mention that a number of the circles have freely contributed many useful articles to add to Miss Schuff's comfort in her new home.

Thus there has been much of marked interest and cheer to all who have had a part in our work. And may we not urge on you, dear sisters, who have enjoyed the blessing that has come to you in this service, to pray for and labor with, tenderly, the larger number in our churches who are losing so much by their neglect. We have only time to glance at our dear missionary workers, who have labored so successfully in heathen lands. Mrs. Douglass of Rangoon having been granted perfect freedom to teach the patients under her care of a Saviour's love, accepted the office of superintendent of the Woman's Government Hospital in that city, and entered upon her work there a few months ago.

She writes: "This work gives me a good chance to talk about the great goodness of our blessed Saviour. How I wish you and some of the dear sisters could be here in the hospital for a while, to see the workings of God's spirit among the patients."

Mrs. Douglass has, in connection with this work, a class of native young women, who are being trained to become nurses for the sick. Several of the class are Christian girls from the mission schools, who will take with them into the homes of their patients the message of salvation. As Mrs. Douglass' salary will now be paid by the government, the New Haven Conference have assumed the support of Miss Schuff in her place.

Dear Miss Gage is still an invalid, quietly waiting, praying, and trusting in the will of the Lord of the harvest, yet doing much here at home for the cause she deeply loves. Miss Watson of Bassein, with failing health and wearied with the labors of eleven successive years, is still laboring for the Karens. Miss Bond, at Tura Assam, busy with her school of girls, has had the joy of seeing several of her pupils accept Jesus as their Saviour. Miss Rolman, at Yokohama, has made such rapid progress in the language that she has been able to engage actively in her work. She has now in charge the Bible School and superintends both day and Sunday-schools. The burden is very heavy for her young shoulders to bear, and her earnest plea for a lady helper has not yet been granted. In her last letter she pledges to give one-tenth of her small salary to aid in sending some one to be with her. Miss Sheldon, after more than ten years of continued untiring service in the Girls' Boarding School at Maulmain, has recently returned to her native home for rest and strength. She is with us to-day, and will tell you of that interesting school and the rich blessing the Lord has bestowed upon it.

Would we had time to take you to each worker in the foreign field, and tell you of the blessing that is crowning their labors, and their great need of helpers. But of these you must learn from the *Helping Hand* and missionary magazines. And now, as we close our report this year, brightened with the precious tokens of the Master's blessing and approval, we long, with an unspeakable desire, to have all the women in our

churches enlisted heartily with us in this blessed work. May we not urge that special prayer and effort be made by each one of us the coming year to win these sisters to be workers with us?

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Ashford—Mrs. J. R. Stubbett, Putnam.

Fairfield—Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, Stamford.

Stonington Union—Miss Bessie Hancox, Stonington.

New London—Mrs. G. A. Lester, New London.

Hartford—Miss C. Hansell, Hartford.

New Haven—Miss Fannie Twiss, Meriden.

MRS. S. M. WHITING,

OCTOBER, 1887.

State Secretary.

On motion of Rev. W. H. Butrick this report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Committee on Sunday-schools through Mr. J. L. Denison presented the following

REPORT.

Your committee find from the various accounts given by the minutes of the Association that earnest work is being done by all of the churches in their Sunday-schools.

By the operation of the great natural law of succession, Christian workers find the usefulness of the future church rests on the young in proportion as they are instructed intelligently in the great fundamental truths that are personified in Christ.

As a family without children is soon lost from the records of society, so the church without a Sunday-school is soon lost from the records that make up history.

We note with religious pride that where evangelistic work is done, there comes of necessity a spiritual energy that seeks to make its impress on the youth by additions to the schools and the opening of new interest for the study of Christ's word.

The review of the past year, of the work of the Baptist Churches on this line, gives great hope of increasing usefulness and greater success in molding the minds, guiding the affections, and impressing the souls of all who may in the providence of God be brought under the advice, counsel, and teachings of our noble band of Sunday-school workers.

We note in our statistics, the absence of those from the schools, and recommend that in future our secretary ask the churches to give him such information as will enable us to know the condition of all the schools connected with the denomination in the State.

The Sunday-school meeting at Crescent Beach was enthusiastic, and evinced a community of interest in the cause betokening a love and rever-

ence for the Word of God that may well encourage our love of revealed truth.

Our State missionary has visited thirty-two schools, addressing twenty-four of them, and he believes the plans now perfected will result in further addition to our number and greater efficiency in the Master's service.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. PIDDOCK,

F. L. KNAPP,

R. PEGRUM,

J. L. DENISON,

W. A. WATERBURY.

The hour for the delivery of the annual sermon having arrived, Rev. W. H. Butrick and Rev. J. R. Gow conducted the introductory devotional service—the choir rendered another anthem very impressively—and

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. B. W. Lockhart of Suffield, from the Text, John viii, 37. The preacher's theme was "Christ as the revealer of the Father and the Witness to the Truth." The discourse was listened to by a very large congregation, with rapt and undivided attention; and was felt to furnish a very satisfactory close to a session of the Convention of more than usual interest.

The choir and congregation sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name." The benediction was pronounced, and the Convention adjourned to Wednesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 2.40 p. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. A. Nordell of New London.

The Committee on Obituaries, through Rev. E. P. Bond, presented the following:

We are called to make record of an unusual number who have departed during the year. Among the first of those in the ministry to pass away to the rest above was Rev. Wm. C. Walker, to whom the board in their report have paid a fitting tribute.

Of those who spent their last days in the State, was Rev. Lewis Selleck, who died in Hartford, Feb. 14, 1887. He was born in Salisbury of this State in 1820, was ordained at Glendale, Mass., when 22 years of age, and for the most part served churches in the State of New York. He was a winner of souls; and after nearly forty-five years of active service, he was forced by feeble health to retire, and spent his last days with his son, Dr. Wm. Selleck of Hartford.

Rev. Thomas Benedict, an aged veteran in the ministry, died at North Colebrook, March 9, 1887, in the 84th year of his age. He was born in New Marlboro, Mass., in November, 1803. It was not till 1826 that he became the subject of renewing grace. Three years later, he was exercised in reference to his duty to preach the Gospel, and in 1831 he was licensed. He felt the need of more education and spent some time in the institution at Hamilton in study, being aided by the Education Society of this State. At this time he had a family to support. He was ordained in Torrington (Newfield Society), in November, 1836, and for nearly thirteen years preached to the little church there one-half of the time. For nine years he was pastor in West Stockbridge, Mass. After that he supplied churches for longer or shorter periods until his voice began to fail. He was a man of power in prayer, and a comforter of the afflicted.

Rev. Amasa Howard died in Wethersfield, March 27, 1887, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. He was born in Woodstock of this State, in September, 1832. He was baptized in North Uxbridge, Mass., in May, 1845. He pursued a partial course of studies, but he was born into the kingdom a worker, and was early pressed in mission labor, first in South Boston, and next in Hartford in the employ of the South Baptist Church, where he labored for eight years. He then entered the pastorate, first at Wethersfield, then over the Third Baptist Church in Providence, R. I., and then over the newly constituted Washington Avenue (now Memorial) Church in Hartford. His last labors were as Chaplain of the State Prison, where his quick perception of character, ready sympathy, and genial nature, fitted him to do good service for the Master among the inmates of that institution.

Rev. Truman O. Judd died in Montowese, July 21, 1887, in the 77th year of his age. He was born in Naugatuck in November, 1810, and began to preach at the age of 18 years. He was twice pastor of the church in Montowese. He was also pastor in East Lyme, Canton, and Plainville, and in Westfield and East Longmeadow, Mass., besides several pastorates in New York and Pennsylvania. About ten years since he retired from active pastoral work.

Several ministers who have served churches in this State, but had removed to other fields of labor, have died since the last meeting of the Convention. Rev. Fenner B. Dickinson, who died in Somerville, Mass., Nov. 2, 1886, had recently gone from us, and we were grieved and stricken by his sudden decease. He was born in Deep River, Feb. 24, 1849, and was in the very prime of manhood when he fell at the post of duty. The churches in Sterling, Winthrop, North Stonington, Ansonia, and First Norwich in this State, as well as three in Massachusetts had for a time been under his pastoral care. Other churches had also been blessed with his labors, for he was an evangelist and delighted to aid in revival work. He was winning in his manner, attractive in person, earnest in his preaching, wholly devoted to his work, and blessed results followed his labors.

Rev. Geo. W. Pendleton, who died in Rahway, N. J., Feb. 22, 1887, had but recently left us when he was called from the labors of earth. He

was born in Westerly, R. I., Dec. 5, 1821, and at the age of thirteen united with the First Baptist Church in Groton. He was ordained in Stafford in 1841, and several years later became pastor in Colchester. He also had a pastorate in Jacksonville, Ill., and in Rahway, N. J. His last charge was the church at Poquonnoc Bridge in this State. He was an instructive preacher, and fearless in declaring gospel truth. He was quiet and retiring by nature, possessed of scholarly tastes, and esteemed for his steadfast and devoted piety.

Rev. Edward J. Deckman, who died suddenly in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 20, 1887, was for some years pastor of the German Baptist Church in New Haven. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1833, and emigrated to this country in 1853. For the last six years of his life he was pastor of the German Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, holding a prominent place among German pastors and doing excellent service for the Master.

Rev. Henry F. Smith, D.D., who died very suddenly at Mount Holley, N. J., Feb. 11, 1887, was for a time pastor in Banksville in this State, but in 1858 removed to New Jersey, where he did important service. He died in the 59th year of his age.

Two venerable men who labored in our State in the days of the generation now fast passing away, have finished their course during the year. One was Rev. Bela Hicks, who died in Sandwick, Ill., June 6, 1877, lacking only a few days of being 90 years old. He was pastor of churches in Pomfret, Thompson, Stafford, West Woodstock, and Mansfield, but left the State nearly 35 years ago. He was a strong and zealous preacher, and revivals followed his labors. The other was Rev. Harmon Ellis, who died in Marshall, Wisconsin, Jan. 28, 1887, in the 85th year of his age. His early ministry was spent in this State and in Massachusetts. He labored in Winthrop, North Haven (Montowese), Stratfield, Canton, and Norwalk in Connecticut. In 1852, he went to Wisconsin under appointment of the Home Mission Society, and did much pioneer work in that region, until age and infirmity laid him aside from public labors.

Our churches have been called to part with many of their loved members during the year. Among these was the Hon. Wm. H. Potter, a valued member of the Union Church at Mystic River, and for some years Statistical Secretary of this Convention. He died March 28, 1887, in his 71st year. He was honored and beloved for his integrity and piety by all who knew him. Few men were as well acquainted with our denominational history in this State as he. His "Pen Photographs of Baptist Pioneers," published some years ago in the *Christian Secretary* were valuable historic papers. Another whose presence we now miss at our denominational gatherings is Judge Benjamin F. Hawley, an active and beloved member of the church in Bristol, who died Aug. 22, 1887, at the age of 78 years. In early manhood he cast in his lot with the people of God, and by his kindness, integrity, and constancy won a place in the hearts of all who knew him. The Third Church in North Stonington has been called to part with its senior deacon, Ezra Miner, who had served the church in this office 52 years. He fell asleep Jan. 4, 1887, at the age

of 84 years, leaving behind him the precious legacy of a godly example. The Main St. Church in Meriden have been bereaved of the beloved Superintendent of their Sabbath-school, Brother J. F. Green, who died Sept. 12, 1887, at the age of 45 years, leaving behind a memory fragrant with devoted piety and faithful service. The church in New Hartford have been called to part with Brother Wm. W. Weaver, who died Jan. 30, 1887, at the age of 50 years. And this church with which we meet to-day has a vacancy made by death. Brother Horace Eddy passed away March 25, 1887, in the 79th year of his age, an unostentatious, large-hearted disciple, ever ready to contribute what he could to promote the kingdom of Christ.

Other names we would gladly mention, did our limits allow, and did our knowledge of them enable us to pay a fitting tribute to their memories. But their pious deeds are recorded on high by an unerring pen, and their godly lives are known to the divine Master whom they served.

E. P. BOND,
I. R. WHELOCK,
P. A. NORDELL,
A. A. ROBINSON,
A. C. HUBBARD.

The President announced the following committees for next year :

On Nomination of Trustees — A. J. Crofut, Esq., Rev. G. M. Stone, D. D., Rev. P. A. Nordell, D. D., Rev. W. H. Butrick, Hon. J. W. Manning, Dea. A. P. Wilbur.

On Enrollment — Rev. J. G. Ditmars, Rev. F. W. Kneeland, Rev. E. B. Elmer, Rev. Jos. McKean, Rev. J. W. Searll.

On New Churches — Rev. J. R. Gow, Rev. S. G. Hastings, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. E. S. Holloway, Mr. J. L. Dennison, Mr. T. W. Potter.

On Sunday-schools — Mr. A. B. Ryan, Rev. J. F. Temple, Rev. D. C. Easton, Rev. L. M. Purinton, Rev. Geo. H. Lester, Mr. W. F. Waterbury.

On Obituaries — Rev. A. G. Palmer, D. D., Mr. J. W. Dimock, Rev. E. M. Jerome, Rev. J. G. Ward, Rev. C. W. Potter, Dea. G. A. Lester.

Rev. W. V. Garner, D. D., then read the Fifth Annual Report of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Connecticut:

REPORT.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Connecticut was held in the First Baptist Church, New Haven, Oct. 13th, at 2 P. M.

It was a beautiful autumn day and there was an unusually large number of women present. We were able again to rejoice that our receipts exceeded our pledges. Total cash receipts for the year were \$761.41. Value of boxes and barrels sent during the year, \$394.15, making a total cash value of work done by the Union, \$1,155.56. Nine life members were made during the year by the payment of \$25 each.

It is with much pleasure that we have continued the support of Mrs. C. E. Becker, at Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C. \$300 was also sent Mr. Sloan for work in the city of Mexico. \$50 was contributed by one of our Mission Bands for the support of two young lady students at Benedict Institute.

We have enjoyed the quarterly meetings which have been held as follows: The first was held with the Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven, Jan. 27th. There was a very large attendance, and it was one of our pleasantest gatherings. Cheering reports came from Circles telling of the enjoyment they had of meeting together and preparing clothing for the needy ones. One new Circle from Shelton reported, in which we take great interest. We also heard an address from Mrs. S. D. Phelps on Home Missions. She brought to our notice the immense area of our country and the evils that menace it. She reminded us of the different nationalities to whom we should carry the Gospel, that for our own preservation and safety it would admit of no delay. From the Indian we had taken carnal things; we should return spiritual things. Education, temperance, and all other moral forces are excellent, but nothing but the power of the Gospel of Christ can save this nation. The second meeting was held at the First Baptist Church, Bridgeport, April 21st. The Circles were represented by a large number of delegates. Interesting letters were read from Missionaries, including one from Nebraska and one from Benedict Institute. By the suggestion of the women of Meriden we met in the parlor of the Sea View House, Savin Rock, West Haven, for our third meeting. About fifty women were in attendance, coming through a drenching rain.

We regretted to be obliged to accept the resignation of our first Vice-President, Mrs. T. S. Samson, owing to her removal from the State. After listening to interesting letters from Circles, Mrs. Wayland, who had recently visited Mexico, gave us a very full account of the work Mr. Sloan is doing there. She also read extracts from letters recently received from Mr. Sloan and Miss Osborn, giving us a vivid picture of the condition of the people and their need of the Gospel. A bright, interesting paper was read by Mrs. Ditmars, showing many excellent reasons "Why Christian women should be interested in Home Missions."

Mrs. Becker was with us and gave a thrilling account of the earthquakes in the vicinity of Columbia, and the effect they had on the students. But gathering them together in a prayer-meeting she was able to lead them to a more perfect faith and trust in God; so when another earthquake came, and the cracks opened wider and the plastering fell in places, they were calm and with the exception of two remained in their seats. What a

blessed work that of laying the foundation of the Christian religion in the hearts of those people so long groping in darkness.

At our annual meeting, after the usual routine of business, a very interesting paper, entitled "To-day's Demands," was read by Mrs. G. P. Durham. She showed us the need of Home Mission work in our land, and what was possible for woman to accomplish, both in her own home and in carrying the Gospel to others.

In a letter recently received from Mr. Clafford, now in Sweden, he says :

"The Lord's work in this country goes on successfully, in spite of all obstacles thrown in its way; obstacles of poverty, of opposition from the State, Church, and other quarters, and of recent financial failure of some of our wealthy members. In the Christmas vacation I visited a church in the country, and the good Lord blessed our humble efforts with the conversion of nearly two hundred souls, who professed life in the faith of Jesus. That more than paid for the trouble we had when going across. So if you continue your prayers in my behalf I am sure that it will not be in vain."

By our appropriation to Mexico, we have been able to help Mr. Sloan carry on the work there.

From a letter recently received we quote the following:

"As to Bible work I could expend to good purpose an appropriation of \$150 to \$200 per year. I would not recommend it all being given to one person, but placed in the hands of the Missionary to be used at his discretion in supplying helpers. There is still another need—a young woman teacher for the city of Aguas, Calientes, under direction of Rev. S. Gorman. He has started a school for girls, and has a Mexican woman engaged in teaching. But he wants an American. Think I shall ask him to write you at once and tell you about it. He also wants a school for boys. Oh! the work is growing. Bless the Lord. Everywhere* the harvest is ripening."

We unanimously pledged the support of Mrs. Becker for the coming year. We also hope to do State work through the Convention, as in former years.

In addition to our annual report we would earnestly recommend the use of the Mite Box. Let it be placed in every home. Also let our women interest themselves in the "Baby Band," thus sowing the seed for future usefulness. Let the seed sowing be broadcast over our land; some will be sure to fall into promising soil. Let us pray that the work may take firmer hold of the churches the coming year. Let each woman ask herself: "Have I done what I could?"

The officers elected for the year were:

President, Mrs. Francis Wayland.

First Vice-President, Mrs. William E. Disbrow.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. S. Wheeler.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. George H. Smith.

Secretary, Mrs. Wm. H. Elkins.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. V. Garton.

Executive Committee :

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| Mrs. C. E. Rich, | Mrs. M. F. Morris, | Mrs. W. H. Butrick, |
| Mrs. J. G. Ditmars, | | Mrs. E. M. Jerome, |
| Mrs. C. H. Butrick, | Mrs. J. L. Richmond. | |

Publication Committee :

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| Mrs. G. P. Durham, | Mrs. W. H. Elkins, | Mrs. P. S. Evans. |
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MRS. W. H. ELKINS, *Secretary.*

On motion of Rev. Dr. Garner, it was voted that the report be accepted and printed in the minutes.

The report of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society was then read by Rev. A. E. Reynolds, and the same was accepted, and ordered printed in the minutes.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

In looking over what our Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society has accomplished in our State during the past year, we are glad to be able to report a growing interest and increased contributions. We feel sure that the women and young people of Connecticut are fast becoming awakened to the fact that there is a work to be done that must be done by them; and Home Missions, we might almost say, are becoming popular.

We are especially glad to see the interest manifested by our young people, so many of whom seem to be going to work in the right way, — making Home Missions a branch of Christian work. We most firmly believe that when we come to realize that our Mission Bands are not mere places of amusement, and to feel that this work is not something that we can take up and lay down when we please, but is one of our Christian duties, a part of our marching orders as soldiers of Christ, we shall hear less often of churches where there is no interest in missions.

Some very interesting meetings have been held during the year.

The first was a State basket meeting, held, by invitation, with the Waterbury ladies, January 20th. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Hovey were both present on that occasion, and addressed the meeting.

On March 10th a basket meeting was held with the ladies of the Stonington Union Association at Mystic River.

March 11th the ladies of the Fairfield Association met at the South Norwalk church; and the next Monday evening, March 14th, another meeting was held in the same place with the young people of the church, and an organization formed, the young men and women taking up Home Missions as a part of their regular work.

The annual meeting was held in Hartford at the First Baptist Church, March 23d. Miss Merriam of Boston, was present, and must have convinced all who listened, of the vastness of our work and its necessity. It was voted at this meeting to change the date of the annual meeting from

March to April, so as to give more time for associational basket meetings before the annual meeting.

In the New London Association a meeting was held with the First Norwich church, April 28th, and although the day was stormy, the attendance was good; and the results have already been seen in the increased interest manifested, not only in this church, but in many others in this association. Mrs. D. H. Taylor of Norwich, and Mrs. Preston of the Ashford Association, gave us two valuable papers at this meeting.

In June the Stonington Union Association met at Mystic River, and time was given on the regular programme for the presentation of our woman's work by Mrs. Reynolds; and a large contribution was taken.

In July we met at Crescent Beach, where we had a large and enthusiastic audience. Miss Virginia Dix, who for years has been engaged in Home Mission work both as teacher and lecturer, told us much of her personal experience among the Mormons.

In connection with the Ashford Association, which met in West Woodstock Sept. 7th, three-quarters of an hour was given our society on the associational programme.

The Young People's Covenant Band of Willimantic invited your Vice-President to speak before their society Sunday evening, Sept. 11th, and from what was said by some of the young people, particularly the young men, after that meeting, we may expect to hear favorably from that society again.

Sept. 16th, a profitable meeting was held with the Ladies' Circle in Chester.

In connection with the New London Association at Montville, Sept. 21st, an open meeting in the interests of our Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society was held, Mrs. Gray, recently of Spellman Seminary, making the principal address.

Your Vice-President attended and spoke at all these meetings, except the one at Mystic River in June. She has also written about six hundred letters and postals, and distributed many pages of leaflets and tracts.

There have been some changes among the associational directors. Mrs. Mary P. Smith of Waterbury was early in the year appointed director of the New Haven Association, in place of Mrs. Reynolds, who had previously resigned that position to accept the office of Corresponding Secretary of the society.

In March, Mrs. Silliman of the Fairfield Association resigned on account of her husband's resignation at White Hills, and Mrs. M. W. Silliman of Norwalk was appointed in her stead director of that association.

Mrs. J. R. Saunders has taken Mrs. Otis's place in the New London Association, Mrs. Otis, after so long a time of faithful service, feeling that her health would not permit of her fulfilling its duties longer.

Mrs. Spencer of Suffield, still continues her work in the Hartford Association, and Mrs. Preston in the Ashford.

Mrs. Miner of the Stonington Union Association feels compelled to resign her position as director. We are more than sorry to lose her, for

she has done much toward awakening interest and a love for Home Missions in her association. She wishes to suggest the name of Miss Sara Palmer of Stonington, for her successor in this office.

Six new Circles have been organized during the year, and six Bands. Fifteen have been made Life Members.

Twenty-seven boys and girls enrolled as "Young Volunteers."

One hundred and seventeen have become "Precious Jewels."

There are now 48 organized Circles, and 32 Bands, with a membership of at least 2,075.

Twelve churches send a monthly contribution, though they have no regularly organized Woman's Circle.

Fifteen Sunday-schools have given a yearly contribution.

Number of "Echoes" taken, 822.

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| Money contributed by Circles, | - | - | - | - | \$1,226.47 |
| " " Bands, | - | - | - | - | 403.92 |
| " " Churches, | - | - | - | - | 33.50 |
| " " Sunday-schools, | - | - | - | - | 158.84 |
| " " Individuals, | - | - | - | - | 330.01 |
| " " Young Volunteers and Precious Jewels, | | | | | 18.48 |
| Total, | - | - | - | - | \$2,171.22 |

Many boxes and barrels of supplies have also been sent West and South, the value of those reported amounting to \$590, making a total of \$2,761.22.

And now, owing to the removal of your Vice President from the State to accept a position as teacher in Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C., it becomes her duty to resign her office. She feels that the year has been one of profit to her in many ways, and although not known at the time, has been a season of preparation for her future work. The workers change, but the work goes on, and will until the darkness of this earth's night of ignorance and sin gives place to the glorious light of the truth and righteousness of Christ.

HATTIE E. GENUNG.

Rev. H. A. Delano, for Committee on Place and Preacher for next year, recommended that the Convention meet with the South Baptist Church, Hartford; that Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D. D., preach the annual sermon, and Rev. D. H. Taylor be the alternate. The report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. A. P. Mason, D. D., addressed the Convention on the work and the needs of the American Baptist Home Mission in its efforts to make actual its motto, "North America for Christ."

The President announced as Committee of Arrangements for next year: Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, Rev. L. L. Potter, Rev. G. M. Stone, D. D., Rev. P. S. Evans, and brethren Frank S. Brown, Stephen Maslen, and J. J. Shepard.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D. D., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Baptist State Convention do express and put upon record their deep sense of gratitude to the Rev. Russell Jennings of Deep River, for his thoughtful and noble provision in behalf of the more needy churches of the State. It was said of Cornelius that his prayers and gifts went up for a memorial before God. We send Christian greeting to our aged brother in Christ, for the grace of God bestowed in like manner upon him, and assure him of our prayers that in his "evening time it may be light."

Rev. A. E. Reynolds seconded the resolution, in an earnest speech, and it was unanimously carried.

Voted, That if possible the mover of the resolution, Rev. Dr. Stone, personally convey to Rev. Russell Jennings this resolution, together with the greetings of the Convention.

Rev. John M. Foster, himself an accepted missionary to China, then made an effective address in behalf of the claims of the Foreign Missionary cause on the churches of America.

Mr. J. L. Denison offered the following resolution, which was carried:

WHEREAS the Connecticut Literary Institute is the property of the Baptists of Connecticut, and is in debt to the amount of \$13,000; and

WHEREAS our beloved brother, Capt. Ebenezer Morgan, has promised towards the payment of this amount \$5,000, to be paid on or before April 1, 1888,

Resolved, That this movement has our most hearty approval, and that we now call upon the Baptists of the State to join hands in raising the balance of \$8,000, to be paid on or before the above date, and so prepare to make the school a great means of usefulness.

The Committee on Enrollment reported through Rev. E. M. Balentine. Report accepted, and ordered printed after correction.

Committee on New Churches reported, through Rev. J. R. Stubbart:

The Fitchville Baptist Church completed its organization during the past year — was duly recognized by a council, and was received into the New London Association in September.

The Swedish Baptist Church, organized a few years ago, with a membership now of nearly a hundred, was received into the New Haven Association at its last meeting.

On motion of Rev. C. A. Piddock, the report was accepted, and

these churches were received into the Convention, and into the fellowship of the sisterhood of Baptist churches.

Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, in behalf of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following for the consideration of the Convention:

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this body be extended to the church and citizens of New Britain, for their generous hospitality to the delegates of the Convention.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the railroad officials for the facilities afforded by them to the Convention.

Resolved, That we also express to the press our thanks for their courteous and full reports of our sessions.

The above resolutions were, on motion, unanimously adopted.

Voted, That the Minutes of the Convention be referred to the officers of the Convention, with power to approve and print.

The President made a brief closing address, appealing for continued and increasing benevolence on the part of the churches, to meet the enlarging needs of the Convention. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. F. Chapman, and by vote the Convention adjourned to meet in South Church, Hartford, Oct. 16 and 17, 1888.

FRANCIS WAYLAND, *President*.

PHILIP S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Andover*—Rev. J. W. Searll, W. G. Tarbox.
Ansonia—Rev. W. D. McKinney, G. B. Boutwell, C. J. Spencer, Mrs. W. O. Wallace.
Baltic—J. L. Gilbert.
Bantam—Rev. E. B. Elmer.
Branford—Rev. P. G. Wightman, J. H. Fowler.
Bridgeport—Rev. W. V. Garner, D. F. Woolsey, E. G. Bennett.
Bridgeport, East—Rev. J. R. Gow, Rev. Wm. Ritzmann, C. W. Beers, A. E. Scoville.
Bloomfield—Rev. B. B. Gibbs, John Phelps, Noah Griswold.
Bristol—Rev. F. E. Tower, George Gowdy, Wm. Mitchell, Frank Saxton, Wm. W. Russell.
Chester—Rev. James Butterworth, Arthur Burdick.
Clinton—Rev. E. D. Shull, Leonard Smith, W. M. Bacon.
Colechester—Rev. A. H. Manee, S. A. Peters.
Colebrook—Rev. William Goodwin.
Cromwell—Rev. J. B. Connell, Mrs. J. B. Connell, Henry W. Stocking, Mrs. H. W. Stocking.
Danbury, Second—Rev. A. C. Hubbard, Dea. Seeley.
Danielsonville—Rev. F. L. Knapp, Dea. Tefft, S. W. Crofut.
Deep River—Edwin Andrews, Julius P. Post.
Eastford—Rev. Asa Randlett.
East Haddam—Rev. F. W. Kneeland, J. S. Brooks, L. M. Stark.
East Lyme—Rev. J. Naylor, C. H. Ames.
Fitchville—Rev. D. C. Easton, W. A. Phillips.
Groton—Rev. A. J. Chandler, Sam. L. Lamb.
Groton Heights—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.
Haddam—Rev. G. H. Lester, Mrs. H. N. Ventries.
Hartford, First—Rev. L. L. Potter, J. L. Howard, J. W. Dimock, W. S. Bronson, L. C. Glazier, Mrs. C. O. Spencer.
Hartford, South—Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, A. E. Holcombe, J. J. Shepard, H. M. Jacobs, F. A. Carey.
Hartford, Asylum Avenue—Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., E. V. Preston, J. L. Denison, James Lockwood.
Hartford, Memorial—Rev. J. C. Emery.
Hartford, Union—Rev. A. M. Harrison, John H. Walker.
Mansfield—Rev. J. W. Brigham.
Meriden, First—Rev. J. V. Garton, Edward Miller, Daniel Hart, Wm Curtis, Lewis Hall and wife, Mrs. Seth Hall.
Meriden, Main Street—Rev. I. R. Wheelock, J. H. Brecknridge, S. C. Paddock, J. L. Richmond, G. Gladwin, Mrs. Wheelock.
Middletown—Rev. W. G. Fennell, Dea. Sam'l J. Stearns, Mrs. Augustus Guild, Mrs. C. A. Piddock.
Montwese—Rev. A. H. Simons and wife.
Montville—Rev. G. W. Holman.
Mystic River—Rev. G. H. Miner, Rob't P. Wilbur, J. H. Alexander, J. O. Fish.
New Britain—Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph.D., Dea. A. T. Brooks, E. Kempshall, G. A. Gridley, A. J. Sloper, G. L. Reynolds.

- New Britain, German* — Rev. John Jaegar.
New Haven, First — Rev. W. H. Butrick, P. N. Welch, S. O. Preston, Hon. Francis Wayland, H. A. Kemp, G. E. Robinson, H. A. Betts, G. P. Durham.
New Haven, Calvary — Rev. E. M. Jerome, Giles Potter, Isaac Anderson.
New Haven, Grand Avenue — Rev. P. S. Evans, J. P. Merrow, Charles Cutts, Jesse Price, Mrs. Ives, Mrs. W. S. Robinson.
New Haven, Danish — John Nielsen and wife.
New Haven, Immanuel — Rev. Geo. H. Jackson.
New Milford — F. P. Braman, Miss W. C. Hine, Miss E. Roberts.
New London, First — Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., G. A. Lester and wife, Mrs. F. D. Smith.
New London, Huntington Street — T. W. Potter.
North Lyme — Rev. J. G. Ward.
Norwich, First — D. W. Perkins.
Norwich, Central — Rev. D. H. Taylor, A. P. Carroll, J. H. Powelson, L. Brown, Dea. T. Otis, Dea. H. A. Gates.
New Canaan — Rev. E. C. Sage.
Noank — Rev. W. L. Swan, Dea. Roswell Sawyer.
Norwalk — Rev. C. E. Torrey, J. S. Ambler and wife.
Norwalk, South — Rev. H. A. Delano, A. J. Crofut, H. S. Wordworth.
Old Lyme — Rev. S. G. Silliman and wife, Giles Morgan and wife.
Plainfield — Rev. R. Pegrum, Rev. J. P. Brown.
Packersville — Rev. A. A. Robinson.
Plainville — Rev. E. C. Miller, Dea. Miller.
Plantville — Rev. E. S. Holloway, J. Bond.
Poquonnoc Bridge — Mr. C. E. Tuller, Dea. Cyrus Avery.
Putnam — Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Dea. Geo. M. Morse, Dea. G. W. Carver, B. G. Smith, H. H. Morris.
Rainbow — Rev. J. F. Temple, G. W. Hodge, J. S. Leonard.
Rockville — Rev. E. W. Potter, W. H. Herskell and wife, W. W. Loomis and wife.
Rowayton — Rev. C. W. Potter.
Saybrook — Rev. W. B. Vassar.
Southington — Rev. E. J. Bosworth, E. H. Plant, ——— Caldwell.
Stamford — Mr. W. W. Gillespie, Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., Rev. L. H. Wakeman, Asa M. Thayer, W. F. Waterbury, Miss Fannie I. Hurlbut.
Stepney — Rev. D. G. Lawson.
Sterling — Rev. E. S. Hill.
Stonington, First — Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D.
Stonington, North — Rev. D. F. Chapman, Dea. A. H. Chapman.
Suffield, First — Dea. J. C. Hastings, F. E. Hastings.
Suffield, Second — Rev. B. W. Lockhart, Prof. M. H. Smith, W. H. Fuller, E. A. Fuller, Dea. F. B. Hathaway, Hon. Thaddeus Spencer.
Tolland — Rev. B. J. Savage and wife, Dea. G. T. Field.
Tariffville — W. Ward West, Wm. H. Pease.
Waterbury — Rev. J. W. Richardson, Dea. J. Spruce and wife, E. L. Ashley, Wm. O'Neil.
Waterford — Rev. L. M. Purington, Rev. Allen Darrow and wife.
Walkingford — Rev. A. E. Reynolds, D. E. Morris, N. C. Wooding, J. N. Wooding, S. J. Hall.
Wethersfield — Rev. E. P. Bond, Miss Mary C. Martin, Mrs. E. B. Fletcher.
Willimantic — Dea. A. H. Fuller, Albert Barrows, Mrs. A. H. Fuller, Mrs. Don Johnson.
Willington — Rev. W. R. Terry, Rev. J. M. Phillips, Mrs. A. Preston.
Yalesville — Dea. G. I. Mix.

Treasurer's Report.

THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION

In account with W. F. WALKER, Treasurer.

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|---|---------|
| By balance received from James Lockwood, Treas., | \$78.60 |
| By collections as follows, from churches: | |
| Andover, - - - - - | \$5.10 |
| Ansonia, - - - - - | 31.10 |
| Ashford Second, Westford, Oct. 30, \$2.25; June 15, \$3.22, - - - - - | 5.47 |
| Bantam, - - - - - | 14.00 |
| Bridgeport, First, - - - - - | 226.18 |
| German, - - - - - | 5.00 |
| Bloomfield, Oct. 18, \$16.42; Oct. 12, '87, \$17.85, - - - - - | 34.27 |
| Bristol, - - - - - | 57.00 |
| Brooklyn, - - - - - | 3.47 |
| Chester, - - - - - | 16.70 |
| Clinton, - - - - - | 16.35 |
| Colchester, Oct. 30, '86, \$2.00; Sept. 8, '87, \$5.00, - - - - - | 7.00 |
| Borough, - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Colebrook, North, - - - - - | 2.00 |
| South, - - - - - | 1.00 |
| Cornwall, College Street, - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Cromwell, - - - - - | 9.85 |
| Danbury, Second, - - - - - | 76.76 |
| Danielsonville, - - - - - | 10.20 |
| Deep River, - - - - - | 63.14 |
| Eastford, - - - - - | 20.00 |
| East Haddam, - - - - - | 10.00 |
| Essex, - - - - - | 50.00 |
| Groton, First, - - - - - | 18.00 |
| Haddam, - - - - - | 7.00 |
| Hartford, First, Apr. 7, \$24.00; Aug. 20, \$161.00; Oct. 11, \$4.00, - - - - - | 189.00 |
| South, - - - - - | 60.19 |
| Asylum Avenue, - - - - - | 113.60 |
| Memorial, - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Jewett City, - - - - - | 4.57 |
| Lebanon, - - - - - | 7.80 |
| Mansfield, Jan. 3, \$4.50; Mch. 31, \$14.61, - - - - - | 19.11 |
| Meriden, First, - - - - - | 58.32 |
| Main Street, - - - - - | 31.15 |
| Middletown, Dec. 29, \$6.07; Mch. 1, \$4.51; Apr. 12, \$10.00; July 2, \$5.36; Oct. 1, \$15.50, - - - - - | 41.44 |
| Montville Union, - - - - - | 40.00 |
| Mystic River Union, - - - - - | 32.32 |

STATE CONVENTION.

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|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------|
| New Britain, First, | - | - | - | - | \$76.00 |
| German, | - | - | - | - | 9.00 |
| New Canaan, Jan. 20, \$13.50; Mch. 1, \$4.50, | - | - | - | - | 18.00 |
| New Hartford, | - | - | - | - | 12.00 |
| New Haven, First, Oct. 11, \$135.00; Oct. 13, \$165.45, | - | - | - | - | 300.45 |
| Grand Avenue, Apr. 5, \$13.00; Aug. | - | - | - | - | |
| 11, \$11.92, | - | - | - | - | 24.92 |
| German, | - | - | - | - | 35.00 |
| New London, First, | - | - | - | - | 41.73 |
| Huntington Street, | - | - | - | - | 12.74 |
| Noank, | - | - | - | - | 45.00 |
| North Haven, (Montowese,) | - | - | - | - | 5.00 |
| North Lyme, | - | - | - | - | 15.00 |
| North Stonington, First, Feb. 11, \$2.50; May 14, | - | - | - | - | |
| \$2.50; Aug. 11, \$2.50, | - | - | - | - | 7.50 |
| Norwalk, | - | - | - | - | 12.00 |
| South, Oct. 12, '86, \$52.25; Sept. 26, '87, | - | - | - | - | |
| \$65.00, | - | - | - | - | 117.25 |
| Norwich, First, | - | - | - | - | 20.00 |
| Central, | - | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| Third, | - | - | - | - | 8.50 |
| Niantic, | - | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| Old Lyme, | - | - | - | - | 7.00 |
| Plainfield, Union, | - | - | - | - | 6.65 |
| Packersville, | - | - | - | - | 12.00 |
| Plainville, Oct. 18, '86, \$10.00; Oct. 13, '87, \$10.00, | - | - | - | - | 20.00 |
| Plantsville, | - | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| Preston, | - | - | - | - | 20.75 |
| Putnam, | - | - | - | - | 38.03 |
| Rainbow, | - | - | - | - | 6.50 |
| Rockville, | - | - | - | - | 62.01 |
| Saybrook, First, | - | - | - | - | 14.00 |
| Shelton, | - | - | - | - | 15.00 |
| Southington, | - | - | - | - | 19.30 |
| Stafford, Oct. 16, '86, \$7.35; Oct. 8, '87, \$7.00, | - | - | - | - | 14.35 |
| Stamford, Jan. 24, \$100.00; Oct. 10, \$110.75, | - | - | - | - | 210.75 |
| Stepney, | - | - | - | - | 9.25 |
| Sterling, | - | - | - | - | 12.10 |
| Stonington, First, | - | - | - | - | 66.00 |
| Suffield, Second, | - | - | - | - | 61.00 |
| Tariffville, | - | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| Thompson, Central, | - | - | - | - | 5.50 |
| Tolland, | - | - | - | - | 7.81 |
| Voluntown, | - | - | - | - | 5.50 |
| Wallingford, First, | - | - | - | - | 7.66 |
| Wethersfield, | - | - | - | - | 6.00 |
| White Hills, | - | - | - | - | 3.70 |
| Willimantic, | - | - | - | - | 33.15 |
| Willington, | - | - | - | - | 8.38 |
| Yalesville, | - | - | - | - | 8.66 — \$2,987.88 |

From Individuals.

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|
| Mrs. Loomis, Windsor, | - | - | - | \$2.00 |
| Ella C. Bond, Wethersfield, | - | - | - | 4.00 |
| Mrs. Francis Wayland, New Haven, | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| C. A. Piddock, supply, | - | - | - | 40.00 |
| contribution, | - | - | - | 20.00 |
| E. B. Fisk, Noank, | - | - | - | 2.00 |

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|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------|----------|
| O. B. Grant, Stonington, | - | - | - | - | \$100.00 | |
| C. E. Wheeler, Oakdale, | - | - | - | - | 1.00 | |
| F. P. Braman, | - | - | - | - | 5.00 | |
| E. W. Potter, Rockville, overpaid, | - | - | - | - | 8.00 | |
| A. J. Shipley, Waterbury, | - | - | - | - | 5.00 | |
| S. D. Phelps, New Haven, | - | - | - | - | 8.00 | |
| S. E. Phelps, New Haven, | - | - | - | - | 5.00 | |
| A. L. Phelps, New Haven, | - | - | - | - | 1.00 | |
| J. B. Hoyt, Stamford, | - | - | - | - | 500.00— | \$801.00 |

From Sunday-Schools.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|-------|----------|
| First Baptist Sunday-school, Middletown, | - | - | - | 10.97 | |
| Huntington street Sunday-school, New London, | - | - | - | 6.27 | |
| Putnam Sunday-School for Rockville, | - | - | - | 25.00 | |
| Grand Avenue Sunday-school, New Haven, | - | - | - | 10.00 | |
| Judson Missionary Society, South Norwalk Sunday-school, | - | - | - | 25.00 | |
| First New Haven Sunday-school, | - | - | - | 25.00 | |
| East Washington Avenue Sunday-school, Bridgeport, | - | - | - | 10.00 | |
| South Willington Sunday-school, | - | - | - | 4.50— | \$116.74 |

Income from Bequests.

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|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|----------|------------|
| From Chapman bequest, | - | - | - | - | \$237.65 | |
| Dunham bequest, | - | - | - | - | 201.60 | |
| Francis bequest, | - | - | - | - | 64.40 | |
| Cone bequest, | - | - | - | - | 354.15 | |
| May bequest, | - | - | - | - | 40.00 | |
| Rogers bequest, | - | - | - | - | 40.00 | |
| New Hartford loan, | - | - | - | - | 60.00 | |
| Sheldon bequest, | - | - | - | - | 7.29— | \$1,005.09 |

From Bequests.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----------|--------------------|
| Bequest of Lyman Clark, Meriden, | - | - | - | \$500.00 | |
| Bequest of David Bates, Lyme, | - | - | - | 50.00— | \$550.00 |
| Loan, Savings Bank of New Britain, | - | - | - | | \$1,500.00 |
| For Foreign Missions, Tolland, \$6.75; Mansfield, \$6.57, | - | - | - | | 13.32 |
| For Home Missions, Tolland, \$4.50; Mansfield, \$6.57, | - | - | - | | 11.07 |
| For Education Society, Plainville, | - | - | - | \$5.00 | |
| First New London, | - | - | - | 41.72 | |
| Tolland, | - | - | - | 2.00 | |
| Tariffville, | - | - | - | 4.44 | \$53.16 |
| For minutes, Education Society, | - | - | - | 30.00 | |
| Fairfield Association, | - | - | - | 10.00 | |
| New London Association, | - | - | - | 15.00 | |
| Stonington Association, | - | - | - | 13.50 | |
| New Haven Association, | - | - | - | 25.00 | |
| Hartford Association, | - | - | - | 25.00 | |
| Rainbow Church, | - | - | - | 1.00 | 119.50 |
| From sale of bonds, | - | - | - | | 7,236.25 |
| Balance of Rockville Fund, | - | - | - | | 446.50 |
| | | | | | <u>\$14,840.46</u> |

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To payments as follows:

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| To churches, Rowayton, - - - | \$275.00 |
| Cornwall Hollow, - - - | 100.00 |
| New Hartford, - - - | 250.00 |
| Sterling, - - - | 125.00 |
| Mansfield, - - - | 125.00 |
| Mt. Calvary, Norwich, - - - | 60.00 |
| Tolland, - - - | 125.00 |
| Bantam and College Street, - - - | 125.00 |
| Poquonnoc Bridge, - - - | 70.00 |
| White Hills, - - - | 40.00 |
| North and South Colebrook, - - - | 100.00 |
| Westford, - - - | 25.00 |
| French Mission, Putnam, - - - | 410.42 |
| German Mission, Bridgeport, - - - | 250.00 |
| Eastford, - - - | 100.00 |
| Plainville, - - - | 75.00 |
| Memorial, Hartford, - - - | 183.33 |
| Shelton, - - - | 300.00 |
| North Stonington, - - - | 80.00 |
| New Canaan, - - - | 104.50 |
| Swedish Mission, New Britain, - - - | 83.33 |
| German Mission, New Britain, - - - | 75.00 |
| Rockville, - - - | 150.00 |
| German Mission, Waterbury, - - - | 50.00 |
| A. S. Brown, services at Rockville, 392.00 — | \$3,673.58 |
| Elizur Cook, Secretary, - - - | 210.98 |
| P. S. Evans, Secretary, - - - | 123.49 |
| Estate W. C. Walker, - - - | 104.80 |
| W. H. Butrick, expense as committee, - - - | 27.00 |
| Salary Superintendent of Missions, - - - | 1,125.00 |
| Expenses Superintendent of Missions, - - - | 141.88 |
| Rockville Church, balance of appropriation, - - - | 1,100.00 |
| Wethersfield Church, income from bequests, - - - | 44.95 |
| Moodus Church, income from bequests, - - - | 190.71 |
| Willington Church, income from bequests, - - - | 102.00 |
| Mansfield Church, income from bequests, - - - | 52.00 |
| Tolland Church, income from bequests, - - - | 47.60 |
| Derby Savings Bank, interest, - - - | 45.00 |
| Savings Bank of New Britain, interest, - - - | 43.75 |
| On purchase 1 share Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Hartford, - - - | 8.00 |
| Note James Lockwood, \$500; interest, \$22.92, - - - | 522.92 |
| Invested in mortgages on real estate, - - - | 6,532.00 |
| Transferred to Domestic Mission account, - - - | 181.33 |
| Remitted to Education Society, - - - | 53.16 |
| Foreign Mission Society, - - - | 13.32 |
| Home Mission Society, - - - | 11.07 |
| The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., printing, - - - | 183.65 |
| Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, printing, - - - | 25.25 |
| Stationery, postage, and supplies, - - - | 14.57 |
| Balance in hands of treasurer, - - - | 262.95 |
| | <u>\$14,840.46</u> |

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts with the vouchers, and believe them to be correct.

NEW BRITAIN, October 18, 1887.

A. J. CROFUT, *Auditor*.

ABSTRACT FROM TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Balance from James Lockwood, Treasurer, | - | - | \$78.60 |
| of Rockville fund, | - | - | 446.50 |
| Received from churches, | - | - | 2,909.23 |
| individuals, | - | - | 801.00 |
| Sunday-schools, | - | - | 116.74 |
| interest from invested funds, | - | - | 1,005.09 |
| from bequests, | - | - | 550.00 |
| loan, | - | - | 1,500.00 |
| for printing minutes, | - | - | 119.50 |
| foreign missions, | - | - | 13.32 |
| home missions, | - | - | 11.07 |
| Education Society, | - | - | 53.16 |
| from sale of bonds, | - | - | 7,236.25 |
| | | | <u><u>\$14,840.46</u></u> |

PAYMENTS.

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| In aid of Churches, | - | - | - | \$3,673.58 |
| Salary of Missionary and expenses, | - | - | - | 1,266.33 |
| To Rockville Church, balance of appropriation, | - | - | - | 1,100.00 |
| Salaries of Secretaries and expenses, | - | - | - | 334.47 |
| Balance due to former missionary, | - | - | - | 104.80 |
| Income from bequests to churches, | - | - | - | 437.26 |
| Interest, | - | - | - | 88.75 |
| Loan, | - | - | - | 522.92 |
| Invested in mortgages on real estate, | - | - | - | 6,532.00 |
| Funds transferred to Societies, etc., | - | - | - | 266.88 |
| Printing and supplies, | - | - | - | 223.47 |
| Expenses of committees, | - | - | - | 27.00 |
| Balance, | - | - | - | 262.95 |
| | | | | <u><u>-\$14,840.46</u></u> |

It should be stated that the appropriations made cover all items of expenditure up to October 1st of the present year,—five quarters instead of four. In addition to the usual current expenditures there have been paid—

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| Balance due from 1886, | - | - | - | \$2,012.70 |
| Appropriations for last quarter, closing present year, | - | - | - | 816.50 |

BUILDING FUND—ROCKVILLE CHURCH.

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| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|-------------------|
| Balance at last report, | - | - | - | \$446.50 |
| Huntington Street Sunday-school, New London, | - | - | - | 6.27 |
| Putnam Sunday-school, | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| From current funds, | - | - | - | 622.23 |
| | | | | <u>\$1,100.00</u> |

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| Paid Wm. Herskell, Treasurer Rockville Church, | \$1,100.00 |
| Received deed of mortgage on property at Rockville for | - 1,500.00 |

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REAL ESTATE AND BEQUESTS.

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|----------------------------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Real Estate in Illinois, - | - | - | - | \$13,295.67 |
| Bequest of Alva Baldwin, - | - | - | - | 915.21 |
| Eber Dunham, - | - | - | - | 4,500.00 |
| Martha Rogers, - | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Lucinda Newton, - | - | - | - | 1,668.55 |
| Esther N. Francis, - | - | - | - | 900.00 |
| Charles H. Chapman, - | - | - | - | 6,500.00 |
| Ann M. May, - | - | - | - | 500.00 |
| Almira O. Cone, - | - | - | - | 5,000.00 |
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| | | | | \$33,779.43 |

Chauncey H. Sheldon, Suffield, in trust, - - \$500.00

In addition to the above bequests the Convention has also received from Ezra B. Silliman and wife, of Bridgeport, a building lot on the corner of Fairfield and Silliman avenues, to be held in trust for the Baptist Church to be formed in the west end of Bridgeport.

LIABILITIES.

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|------------|
| Loan at Savings Bank, - | - | - | - | \$1,500.00 |
| Cash in hand, - | - | - | - | 262.95 |
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| Net indebtedness, - | - | - | - | \$1,237.05 |

PRINTING MINUTES.

Cr.

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|----------|
| New Haven Association, - | - | - | - | \$25.00 |
| Hartford Association, - | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| New London Association, - | - | - | - | 15.00 |
| Stonington Union Association, - | - | - | - | 13.50 |
| Education Society, - | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| Fairfield County Association, - | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| Rainbow Church, - | - | - | - | 1.00 |
| From Domestic Mission Fund, - | - | - | - | 64.15 |
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| | | | | \$183.65 |

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Paid The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., - - \$183.65

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and vicinity," was first organized in Hartford, in October, 1823. No Annual Sermon was provided for until the session of 1826.

| DATE. | PLACE. | PRESIDENT. | SECRETARY. | PREACHER. | TEXT. |
|-------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1823. | Hartford, | Asa Wilcox, | Augustus Bolles, | | |
| 1824. | Middletown, | Asa Wilcox, | Albert Day, | | |
| 1825. | Hartford, | Jonathan Goodwin, | Albert Day, | | |
| 1826. | Wallingford, | Jonathan Goodwin, | Albert Day, | J. M. Peck, | |
| 1827. | Hartford, | Asahel Morse, | Albert Day, | Esek Brown, | |
| 1828. | Middletown, | Jonathan Goodwin, | Gurdon Robins, | B. M. Hill, | |
| 1829. | Hartford, | Rufus Babcock, | Gurdon Robins, | J. Cookson, | |
| 1830. | Mansfield, | Elisha Cushman, | Gurdon Robins, | P. Brockett, | Rom. 12: 14. |
| 1831. | Meriden, | Elisha Cushman, | Augustus Bolles, | G. Phippin, | Isa. 60: 1. |
| 1832. | Middletown, | Elisha Cushman, | Albert Day, | G. Robins, | Psaln 133: 1. |
| 1833. | Lebanon, | Elisha Cushman, | J. H. Linsley, | L. Kneeland, | 2 Tim. 4: 5. |
| 1834. | Hartford, | Elisha Cushman, | H. Stanwood, | N. Wildman, | Isa. 43: 21. |
| 1835. | Middletown, | J. H. Linsley, | S. S. Mallory, | R. H. Neale, | Isa. 53: 1. |
| 1836. | Norwich, | J. Cookson, | William Palmer, | S. H. Cone, | Luke 7: 38. |
| 1837. | Hartford, | J. Cookson, | R. Turnbull, | J. Cookson, | Isa. 61: 11. |
| 1838. | New London, | J. Cookson, | B. Cook, | B. Cook, | Jude 3. |
| 1839. | New Haven, | J. H. Linsley, | H. Wooster, | R. Turnbull, | 2 Cor. 5: 14, 15. |
| 1840. | Essex, | George Reed, | William Reid, | F. Wightman, | Matt. 24: 14. |
| 1841. | Hartford, | D. Ives, | J. S. Eaton, | R. Babcock, | John 4: 35-38. |
| 1842. | Middletown, | D. Ives, | J. S. Eaton, | T. C. Teasdale, | |
| 1843. | Norwich, | D. Ives, | E. Cushman, | J. Dowling, | Eph. 3: 10. |
| 1844. | New Haven, | A. Parker, | E. Savage, | D. Ives, | 2 Cor. 5: 14, 15. |
| 1845. | New London, | J. S. Swan, | E. Savage, | A. Parker, | Isa. 62: 1. |
| 1846. | Hartford, | J. S. Swan, | E. Cushman, | A. G. Palmer, | Num. 14: 8. |
| 1847. | Deep River, | R. Turnbull, | E. Cushman, | J. S. Swan, | 1 John 5: 19. |
| 1848. | Suffield, | D. Ives, | E. Cushman, | E. Cushman, | Heb. 6: 10. |
| 1849. | Bristol, | H. Miller, | E. Cushman, | E. T. Hiscok, | Matt. 25: 40-45. |
| 1850. | Danbury, | S. D. Phelps, | E. Cushman, | R. Turnbull, | Eph. 1: 3-6. |
| 1851. | Stonington, | E. T. Hiscok, | E. Cushman, | C. Willett, | Luke 24: 24. |
| 1852. | New Haven, | J. S. Swan, | E. Cushman, | J. N. Murdock, | Isa. 63: 3. |
| 1853. | Norwich, | William Reid, | E. Cushman, | S. D. Phelps, | Matt. 10: 34-36. |
| 1854. | Hartford, | J. N. Murdock, | E. Cushman, | H. Miller, | Gal. 2: 20. |
| 1855. | Meriden, | L. Lewis, | E. Cushman, | J. L. Hodge, | Acts 1: 8. |
| 1856. | Middletown, | W. S. Clapp, | E. Cushman, | W. Reid, | Phil. 2: 15. |
| 1857. | New London, | C. Willett, | E. Cushman, | A. D. Denison, | Psaln 130: 4. |
| 1858. | Southington, | F. Denison, | E. Cushman, | J. A. Bailey, | 2 Cor. 4: 7. |
| 1859. | Hartford, | S. D. Phelps, | E. Cushman, | W. Fitz, | 2 Cor. 4: 4. |
| 1860. | New Haven, | P. G. Wightman, | E. Cushman, | J. F. Brown, | Isa. 49: 4. |
| 1861. | Norwich, | D. Ives, | E. Cushman, | D. H. Miller, | 1 Cor. 3: 6. |
| 1862. | Stamford, | J. P. Brown, | E. Cushman, | D. Ives, | 1 Cor. 1: 29. |
| 1863. | Willimantic, | C. S. Weaver, | E. Cushman, | C. B. Crane, | John 91: 4-6. |
| 1864. | Essex, | George Lovis, | E. Cushman, | G. M. Stone, | 1 Tim. 3: 15. |
| 1865. | Danbury, | S. Graves, | E. Cushman, | S. D. Phelps, | 2 Cor. 9: 22. |
| 1866. | Hartford, | J. A. Bailey, | E. Cushman, | I. H. Gilbert, | Rev. 5: 10. |
| 1867. | Mystic River, | C. B. Crane, | E. Cushman, | R. Turnbull, | 1 Peter 2: 5. |
| 1868. | New Haven, | A. C. Bronson, | E. Cushman, | E. Lathrop, | Mark 1: 40-42. |
| 1869. | Deep River, | R. J. Adams, | E. Cushman, | B. S. Morse, | Ecc. 9: 4. |
| 1870. | New Britain, | A. P. Buell, | J. A. Bailey, | H. G. Mason, | 1 Tim. 4: 1, 2. |
| 1871. | Norwalk, | James L. Howard, | J. A. Bailey, | G. L. Hunt, | Eph. 1: 18. |
| 1872. | Waterbury, | James L. Howard, | J. A. Bailey, | A. G. Palmer, | 1 Cor. 13: 3. |
| 1873. | New Haven, | James L. Howard, | R. Turnbull, | A. J. Sage, | Prov. 4: 23. |
| 1874. | Punnam, | James L. Howard, | R. Turnbull, | C. E. Smith, | |
| 1875. | Hartford, | James L. Howard, | R. Turnbull, | A. C. Hubbard, | Zech. 4: 6. |
| 1876. | Suffield, | James L. Howard, | R. Turnbull, | A. C. Hubbard, | Neh. 9: 6, 17. |
| 1877. | Norwich, | A. G. Palmer, | R. Turnbull, | F. F. Emerson, | Matt. 16: 3. |
| 1878. | Meriden, | E. Lathrop, | T. A. T. Hanna, | J. Davies, | 1 Cor. 11: 1. |
| 1879. | Danbury, | A. J. Sage, | T. A. T. Hanna, | B. F. Bronson, | 1 Cor. 1: 21. |
| 1880. | Bridgeport, | A. J. Sage, | T. A. T. Hanna, | J. M. Taylor, | Jonah 3: 3. |
| 1881. | New London, | A. J. Sage, | T. A. T. Hanna, | J. R. Stubbett, | 1 Cor. 1: 24. |
| 1882. | Ansonia, | W. S. Bronson, | T. A. T. Hanna, | G. H. Miner, | Acts 5: 20. |
| 1883. | New Haven, | W. S. Bronson, | T. A. T. Hanna, | M. H. Pogson, | Luke 2: 32. |
| 1884. | Norwich, | W. S. Bronson, | Elizur Cook, | O. C. Sargent, | Matt. 6: 10. |
| 1885. | Hartford, | W. S. Bronson, | Elizur Cook, | J. V. Garlon, | Matt. 28: 20. |
| 1886. | Waterbury, | Francis Wayland, | P. S. Evans, | G. W. Holman, | John 8: 37. |
| 1887. | New Britain, | Francis Wayland, | P. S. Evans, | B. W. Lockhart, | |
| 1888. | Hartford, | | | | |

Summary of Reports from Churches and Missions Aided by Convention.

| CHURCHES AND MISSIONS. | PASTORS OR MISSIONARIES. | Number of Quar- ters Aided. | Number of Bap- tists. | Number added by Letter. | Number Sermons Preached. | Number Pastoral Visits. | Number Meetings Sunday. | No. Meetings on other days of week. | Total of Members. | Number of Male Members. | Population of Community. | No. of other Evan- gelical Churches. | Estimated Prop- erty of Church Members. | Salary Paid Exclu- sive of Conven- tion Aid. | Money Raised for Home Expenses. | Money Paid for Benevolence. | Received from Convention. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| White Hills..... | S. G. Sillman..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 76 | 76 | .. | .. | 0 | .. | .. | .. | .. | \$20.00 |
| Rowayton..... | C. W. Potter..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 72 | .. | 1 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 7,000 | 1 | \$5,500.00 | \$150.00 | \$320.52 | \$37.50 | 175.00 |
| East Bridgeport [German]..... | Wm. Rickman..... | 2 | 6 | 0 | 107 | 607 | 2 | 44 | 44 | 12 | 3,000 | 2 | .. | 300.00 | 198.80 | 327.50 | 300.00 |
| New Canaan..... | E. C. Sage..... | 2 | 16 | 2 | 102 | 508 | 3 | 75 | 75 | 24 | 2,500 | 1 | .. | 400.00 | 723.62 | 55.00 | 100.00 |
| Shelton..... | J. G. Dinnars..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 275 | 2 | 9 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24.58 | 50.00 | 300.00 |
| Waterbury [German]..... | C. A. Daniel..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 100 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 150 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19.00 | 18.19 | .. |
| Cornwall Hollow..... | C. F. Gordon..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 183 | 3 | 40 | 40 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 140.00 | .. | .. |
| Bantam..... | E. B. Elmer..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 181 | 3 | 56 | 56 | 31 | 400 | 1 | 25,000.00 | 154.00 | 154.00 | 164.00 | 50.00 |
| College Street..... | E. B. Elmer..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 79 | 1 | 56 | 56 | 28 | 100 | 0 | 10,000.00 | 182.00 | 182.00 | 7.32 | 50.00 |
| North Colebrook..... | Wm. Goodwin..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 79 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 100 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 55.00 | 7.32 | 50.00 |
| South Colebrook..... | Wm. Goodwin..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 56 | 2 | 60 | 60 | 14 | 140 | 0 | 22,000.00 | .. | 145.00 | 12.75 | 40.00 |
| Punah..... | E. C. Miller..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 88 | 250 | 2 | 60 | 60 | 19 | 3,000 | 1 | 11,000.00 | 350.00 | 685.50 | 214.00 | 75.00 |
| New Britain [German]..... | John Jaeger..... | 3 | 0 | 3 | 56 | 307 | 2 | 50 | 50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52.00 | 75.00 |
| New Britain [Swede]..... | F. O. Lonn..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 65 | 307 | 2 | 132 | 132 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Harford Memorial..... | F. C. Emory..... | 4 | 40 | 21 | 98 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,353.00 | 42.74 | 83.33 |
| New Hartford..... | F. C. Emory..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | 96 | .. | 3 | 75 | 75 | 25 | 2,000 | 2 | .. | 500.00 | 546.07 | 33.50 | 200.00 |
| Rockville..... | F. C. Emory..... | 4 | 3 | 9 | 65 | 82 | 3 | 67 | 67 | 21 | 8,000 | 6 | .. | 500.00 | 254.07 | 35.00 | 482.00 |
| Norwich, Calvary..... | C. G. Foster..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 105 | 2 | 75 | 75 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 96.72 | 25.00 | 40.00 |
| Poquonnoc Bridge..... | C. G. Foster..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 17 | 1 | 109 | 109 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 93.00 | 70.00 |
| Sterling..... | E. S. Teller..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 310 | 3 | 75 | 75 | 25 | 500 | 0 | 20,000.00 | 400.00 | 500.00 | 49.70 | 180.00 |
| North Stonington..... | D. F. Chapman..... | 4 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 300 | 1 | 78 | 78 | 25 | 1,200 | 0 | 15,000.00 | 400.00 | 195.00 | 23.00 | 70.00 |
| Tolland..... | B. J. Savage..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 52 | 300 | 1 | 68 | 68 | 26 | 1,200 | 2 | 20,000.00 | 400.00 | 270.53 | 19.50 | 80.00 |
| Spring Hill..... | J. W. Brigham..... | 4 | 6 | 5 | 50 | 300 | 2 | 87 | 87 | 25 | 1,325 | 0 | .. | .. | 331.88 | 48.09 | 100.00 |
| Westford..... | J. H. Biddle..... | 1 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 15 | 2 | 46 | 46 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 134.61 | 100.00 |
| Eastford..... | A. Randlett..... | 3 | 0 | 11 | 79 | 308 | 2 | 46 | 46 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12.50 |
| Punam [French]..... | W. H. Dalpe..... | 4 | 7 | 0 | 79 | 293 | 2 | 25 | 25 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 290.00 | 58.00 | 100.00 |
| Totals, 26 Churches and Missions..... | .. | 97 | 79 | 79 | 1,656 | 4,393 | .. | 1,593 | 1,593 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | \$6,007.46 | \$1,054.04 | \$3,064.58 |

The above table is quite incomplete, but will show some of the results, and the present condition of the churches.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| Tolland,..... | 1807 | B. J. Savage, '84 | George P. Field,.... | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 38 | 32 | 0 | 4,500 | 200 | ..... |  |  |
| Stafford,..... | 1809 | J. W. Brigham, '84 | L. A. Hall,..... | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 3,500 | 200 | ..... |  |  |
| Mansfield,..... | 1809 | J. W. Brigham, '84 | E. D. White,..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 65 | 46 | 1 | 9 | 2,500 | 200 | ..... |  |  |
| Andover,..... | 1826 | J. W. Seapl, '85 | W. B. Allen,..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 380 | 137 | 103 | 0 | 2,000 | 200 | ..... |  |  |
| Willington,..... | 1828 | None | Albert Sharp,..... | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 294 | 187 | 103 | 0 | 2,000 | 200 | ..... |  |  |
| Williamstown,..... | 1828 | W. R. Terry, '87 | Theodore D. Pond,..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 124 | 85 | 0 | 2,000 | 200 | ..... |  |  |
| Brooklyn,..... | 1833 | None | Stephen Ballard,..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 91 | 65 | 34 | 0 | 8,000 | 25 | ..... |  |
| Brookfield,..... | 1846 | C. H. Hickok, '83 | S. H. Davis,..... | 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 134 | 93 | 27 | 0 | 5,000 | 300 | ..... |  |  |
| Central,..... | 1846 | Samuel Thatcher, '89 | M. L. Aldrich,..... | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 79 | 34 | 27 | 0 | 2,000 | 225 | ..... |  |  |
| Thompson, East,..... | 1846 | J. E. Stubbett, '83 | W. W. Woodward,..... | 108 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 118 | 535 | 239 | 202 | 0 | 25,000 | 800 | ..... |  |  |
| Stafford, South Center,..... | 1847 | J. E. Knapp, '84 | H. E. Buxton,..... | 10 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 45 | 33 | 21 | 0 | 12,000 | 350 | ..... |  |  |
| Putnam, Middle,..... | 1874 | None | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,000 | 200 | ..... |  |  |  |
| Ashford, Second,..... | 1884 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Totals,..... | ..... | 17 Churches,..... | ..... | 156 | 35 | 10 | 3 | 38 | 41 | 0 | 37 | 144 | 60 | 2,034 | 1,168 | 530 | 1 | 6 | \$11,700 | ..... |
| New London Association | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Waterford, First,..... | 1710 | L. M. Partridge, '84 | J. A. Gallup,..... | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 412 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| East Lyme, First,..... | 1722 | D. Taylor, '85 | J. E. Warren,..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 154 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| East Lyme, Second,..... | 1757 | None | I. Stoddard,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cochester,..... | 1750 | M. P. Maynard, '87 | Charles F. Brown,..... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 14 | 7 | 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Norwich, First,..... | 1800 | D. H. Miller, D. D., '86 | J. F. Starkweather,..... | 6 | 6 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 254 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New London, First,..... | 1804 | P. A. Nordell, D. D., '82 | John E. Darrow,..... | 6 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 6 | ..... | 23 | 430 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lebanon,..... | 1815 | G. L. Putnam, '83 | John Avery,..... | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 100 | 128 | 54 | 0 | 1 | 30,000 | 750 | ..... | ..... |
| East Haddam, Central,..... | 1810 | F. W. Kneeland, '87 | L. M. Stark,..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 94 | 49 | 37 | 0 | 2,500 | 200 | ..... | ..... |
| East Lyme,..... | 1810 | C. S. Jewett,..... | W. F. Thatcher,..... | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 150 | 103 | 69 | 0 | 2,500 | 250 | ..... | ..... |
| Greenfield,..... | 1821 | None | W. F. Thatcher,..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 81 | 38 | 25 | 0 | 700 | 250 | ..... | ..... |
| Windsor, Second,..... | 1821 | S. J. Weaver, '74 | D. A. Starr,..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 62 | 41 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cochester, Second,..... | 1835 | None | Bryan Clark,..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 121 | 77 | 42 | 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cochester, Second,..... | 1840 | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES. — *Continued.*

| CHURCHES AND OFFICERS. | | | | MEMBERSHIP. | | | | | | | CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| CHURCHES. | When Organized. | PASTORS, AND DATE OF SETTLEMENT. | CLERKS. | Increase. | | | | Diminution. | | | Present Condition. | | | Church Building. | No. of Sittings. | Value of Parsonage. | Debt on Church Property. |
| | | | | By Baptism. | By Letter. | By Experience. | By Restoration. | By Letter. | By Embrace. | By Death. | Net Gain. | Net Loss. | Total Membership. |  |  |  |  | Resident Membership. | Male Members. | Resident Min. |
| NEW HAVEN ASS'N.— <i>Con.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chester..... | 1892 | No Pastor. | Fisk Shaller..... | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | ..... | 155 | 120 | 59 | ..... | \$10,000 | |
| Bradford..... | 1882 | P. G. Lightman, '87. | James H. Fowler..... | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13 | ..... | 147 | 102 | 50 | ..... | 3,000 | 300.00 |
| Emmanuel, New Haven..... | 1886 | Geo. H. Jackson, '87. | A. A. Butler..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 1 | ..... | 126 | 112 | 51 | ..... | 10,000 | 400 |
| Main Street, Meriden..... | 1884 | I. R. Wheelock, '86. | R. M. Breckenridge..... | 17 | 28 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 34 | ..... | 347 | 319 | 133 | ..... | 36,000 | 650 |
| German, New Haven..... | 1893 | William Schuf, '84. | H. K. Briggs..... | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | ..... | 136 | 136 | .. | 1 | 16,000 | 300 |
| Calvary, New Haven..... | 1891 | No Pastor. | L. Montbrun..... | 17 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 6 | ..... | 662 | 600 | 221 | 3 | 3,000 | 4,000 |
| Grand Av., New Haven..... | 1873 | P. S. Evans, '55. | John M. Lane..... | 4 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 | ..... | 403 | 176 | 65 | ..... | 110,000 | 1,350 |
| Plainville..... | 1872 | E. S. Holloway, '86. | J. Bond..... | 13 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 14 | ..... | 103 | 78 | 28 | ..... | 12,000 | 300 |
| First German, Meriden..... | 1873 | James A. Weimar, '87. | Chas. Dexter..... | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | ..... | 80 | 73 | 28 | ..... | 10,000 | 300 |
| Ansonia..... | 1874 | W. D. McKinney, '84. | W. H. Fielding..... | 11 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 202 | 163 | 79 | 1 | 7,000 | 300 |
| Yatesville..... | 1881 | A. E. Reynolds, supply. | W. A. Kendrick..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | ..... | 56 | 43 | 23 | ..... | 2,500 | 3,100.00 |
| Shelton..... | 1882 | Jas. G. Dimars, '86. | Albert Bray..... | 16 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 75 | 62 | 34 | ..... | 2,500 | 250 |
| Danforth, New Haven..... | 1886 | No Pastor. | John Nielsen..... | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ..... | 34 | 34 | .. | ..... | 650.00 | |
| Swedish, New Haven..... | 1882 | K. Newquist, '86. | V. Wahlberg..... | 6 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 62 | 49 | 28 | ..... | 200 | |
| Totals..... | ..... | 27 Churches..... | ..... | 254 | 153 | 19 | 9 | 145 | 63 | 36 | 70 | 104 | ..... | 11 | 11 | \$473,500 | 11,352 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,891 | 4,845 | ..... |  | \$47,650 | 14,806.33 |

* From last year.

Complete statistics from the Clerk of Ashford Association had not come to hand when these tables went to press, Dec. 12th, although repeatedly asked for. The statistics of Fairfield Association are also incomplete, from not using the blank forms furnished by the Convention.

SUMMARY FOR 1886-87.

CHURCHES.

HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.

| Associations. | CONTRIBUTIONS FOR | | | | | | | | | | Total for all Objects. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|------------|------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | ADDED BY | | | | | REMOVED BY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Pastors. | Number of Churches. | Baptisms. | Letter. | Restoration. | Transfer. | Exclusion. | Death. | Total Membership. | Home Expenses. | | Minutes. | Education Society. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Widows' Fund and Ministers' Home. | Woman's Home Mission Society. | Woman's Foreign Mission Society. | Bible and Publication Society. | Other Objects. | Total Benevolence. | Average per Member. | | | | |
| Stonington Union, | 14 | 16 | 57 | 31 | 4 | 0 | 53 | 20 | 0 | 46 | 3,360 | \$15,456.10 | \$48.00 | 82.00 | 269.53 | 797.66 | 1,205.52 | 1,359.81 | 45.10 | 1,192.16 | 1,174.15 | \$55.25 | \$31.00 | 51,050.98 | \$49 | \$17,154.78 |
| Ashtabula, | 10 | 17 | 156 | 81 | 0 | 8 | 58 | 40 | 0 | 37 | 2,084 | \$10,831.26 | 36.50 | | 216.72 | 131.35 | 311.51 | 233.00 | 0 | 370.16 | 214.07 | \$58.25 | \$36.78 | 3,143.32 | 1.65 | 12,361.08 |
| New London, | 16 | 23 | 94 | 88 | 2 | 8 | 100 | 18 | 49 | 3,250 | 20,691.15 | 63.00 | | | 216.72 | 243.11 | 343.79 | 297.90 | 0 | 370.16 | 214.07 | \$58.25 | \$36.78 | 3,143.32 | 1.65 | 12,361.08 |
| Fairfield County, | 12 | 21 | 145 | 61 | 33 | 4 | 72 | 10 | 52 | 3,579 | 19,577.00 | 70.75 | 53.94 | 733.21 | 214.12 | 1,677.65 | 0 | 766.54 | 0 | 370.16 | 214.07 | \$58.25 | \$36.78 | 3,143.32 | 1.65 | 12,361.08 |
| Hartford, | 21 | 24 | 113 | 64 | 19 | 6 | 80 | 77 | 30 | 3,896 | 32,065.72 | 57.35 | 276.25 | 642.14 | 964.46 | 842.02 | 84.50 | 329.00 | 0 | 370.16 | 214.07 | \$58.25 | \$36.78 | 3,143.32 | 1.65 | 12,361.08 |
| New Haven, | 24 | 27 | 234 | 159 | 19 | 9 | 148 | 63 | 36 | 5,801 | 49,215.64 | 82.00 | 269.53 | 797.66 | 1,205.52 | 1,359.81 | 45.10 | 1,192.16 | 1,174.15 | \$55.25 | \$31.00 | 51,050.98 | \$49 | \$17,154.78 | | |
| Totals for 1887, | 97 | 128 | 709 | 438 | 87 | 25 | 609 | 227 | 94 | 312 | 20,950 | 147,706.57 | 357.60 | 897.44 | 2,809.53 | 1,195.18 | 4,698.41 | 238.59 | 1,332.38 | 2,505.00 | 1,192.30 | 19,987.99 | 39,027.90 | 1.50 | \$1,092.37 | |
| Totals for 1877, | .. | 119 | 747 | 298 | 70 | 32 | 305 | 143 | 60 | 255 | 20,640 | 141,942.47 | 403.50 | 1,158.69 | 3,005.70 | 8,551.54 | 3,429.64 | 103.25 | 2,981.07 | 594.13 | 14,682.99 | 30,611.85 | 1.48 | 160,646.60 | | |
| Totals for 1876, | .. | 121 | 835 | 394 | 51 | 35 | 416 | 338 | 22 | 269 | 20,677 | 121,699.87 | 401.00 | 767.76 | 3,841.33 | 3,171.65 | 3,753.37 | 92.85 | 3,629.03 | 749.37 | 7,014.39 | 29,517.90 | 1.48 | 144,057.17 | | |
| Totals for 1875, | .. | 119 | 859 | 356 | 55 | 42 | 327 | 127 | 85 | 290 | 20,707 | 109,346.40 | 356.68 | 658.02 | 2,809.46 | 2,468.05 | 2,787.11 | 106.10 | 3,629.03 | 749.37 | 7,014.39 | 29,517.90 | 1.48 | 144,057.17 | | |
| Totals for 1874, | .. | 119 | 851 | 332 | 38 | 15 | 343 | 115 | 121 | 279 | 20,618 | 104,576.13 | 357.71 | 920.13 | 2,965.16 | 3,703.02 | 4,000.20 | 329.23 | 3,629.03 | 749.37 | 7,014.39 | 29,517.90 | 1.48 | 144,057.17 | | |
| Totals for 1873, | .. | 120 | 848 | 311 | 55 | 20 | 373 | 127 | 76 | 287 | 20,580 | 143,846.98 | 355.07 | 677.81 | 2,474.26 | 3,703.02 | 4,000.20 | 317.50 | 3,629.03 | 749.37 | 7,014.39 | 29,517.90 | 1.48 | 144,057.17 | | |
| Totals for 1872, | .. | 121 | 867 | 422 | 41 | 33 | 378 | 134 | 65 | 386 | 20,810 | 143,060.45 | 372.12 | 970.41 | 4,898.58 | 5,137.00 | 5,004.48 | 75.64 | 3,629.03 | 749.37 | 7,014.39 | 29,517.90 | 1.48 | 144,057.17 | | |
| Totals for 1871, | .. | 121 | 863 | 414 | 81 | 37 | 446 | 82 | 90 | 389 | 20,843 | 146,224.39 | 347.75 | 697.70 | 3,831.18 | 4,092.09 | 4,235.75 | 76.81 | 3,629.03 | 749.37 | 7,014.39 | 29,517.90 | 1.48 | 144,057.17 | | |
| Totals for 1870, | .. | 121 | 869 | 384 | 71 | 35 | 444 | 355 | 90 | 370 | 21,558 | 147,242.39 | 376.11 | 556.04 | 2,845.38 | 4,380.85 | 3,541.56 | 946.08 | 2,896.12 | 1,154.52 | 6,609.09 | 28,194.64 | 1.34 | 176,041.79 | | |
| Totals for 1869, | .. | 126 | 943 | 397 | 70 | 30 | 482 | 184 | 78 | 354 | 21,753 | 100,719.79 | 343.40 | 747.44 | 2,845.38 | 4,380.85 | 3,541.56 | 946.08 | 2,896.12 | 1,154.52 | 6,609.09 | 28,194.64 | 1.34 | 176,041.79 | | |
| Totals for 1868, | .. | 126 | 934 | 404 | 75 | 38 | 435 | 206 | 93 | 373 | 21,856 | 144,105.69 | 362.55 | 657.34 | 2,217.87 | 4,104.19 | 4,115.67 | 374.13 | 1,211.91 | 45,441.03 | 1,211.91 | 6,808.95 | 26,457.83 | 1.17 | 174,890.38 | |

HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.

| CHURCHES. | EXPENSES. | | BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Home Expenses. | Minutes. | Domestic Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Woman's Home Missions. | Woman's Foreign Missions. | Youth's Bands. | Bible and Publication Work. | Ministerial Education. | Minister's and Widows Fund. | Support of Church Poor. | Local Charities. | Other Objects. | Total Benevolence. |
| SPRINGSTON UNION ASSO'N. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Groton, First,..... | \$1,205.07 | \$3.00 | \$18.00 | \$8.25 | \$8.25 | 0 | \$22.37 | 0 | \$11.61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$61.07 | \$120.22 |
| North Stonington, First,... | 300.00 | 2.50 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | \$9.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$3.00 | 0 | 0 | 4.00 | 20.00 |
| Cystic River Union,..... | 2,923.92 | 10.00 | \$4.51 | 30.70 | 30.47 | 90.00 | 102.50 | \$10.00 | 15.64 | \$37.00 | 0 | \$90.31 | \$11.00 | 4.00 | 445.43 |
| Stonington, First,..... | 1,350.00 | 5.00 | 128.00 | 0 | 0 | 70.00 | 96.00 | 0 | 41.00 | 7.50 | 62.92 | 28.75 | 0 | 64.00 | 438.17 |
| Springfield Union,..... | 1,200.00 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33.00 |
| Sterling City,..... | 1,725.00 | 1.50 | 4.00 | 3.00 | 7.00 | 0 | 9.00 | 0 | 4.00 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.50 | 33.50 |
| Packerville,..... | 890.00 | 3.00 | 10.00 | 14.75 | 16.00 | 0 | 24.08 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70.00 |
| North Stonington, Third,... | 500.00 | 2.00 | 8.00 | 9.25 | 5.00 | 7.10 | 11.41 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45.75 |
| Voluntown,..... | 1,000.00 | 3.00 | 0 | 12.75 | 15.00 | 7.00 | 3.00 | 0 | 10.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 6.70 | 37.75 |
| Jewett City,..... | 1,000.00 | 2.00 | 5.50 | 13.65 | 8.72 | 17.00 | 22.00 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 1.84 | 0 | 5.00 | 47.50 | 49.07 |
| Ledyard,..... | 2,188.00 | 5.00 | 16.15 | 16.52 | 8.42 | 17.00 | 22.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131.73 |
| Groton Heights,..... | 1,300.00 | 3.00 | 0 | 11.94 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 38.94 | 0 | 0 | 50.88 |
| Noank,..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104.25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104.25 |
| Stonington, Third,..... | 764.11 | 1.00 | 0 | 20.00 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23.00 |
| Poquonnoc Bridge,..... | 0 | 1.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.50 |
| Totals,..... | \$15,456.10 | \$48.00 | \$219.46 | \$140.84 | \$211.11 | \$200.10 | \$285.36 | \$17.00 | \$35.25 | \$46.50 | \$86.99 | \$158.00 | \$1.00 | \$190.00 | \$1,650.68 |
| ASHFORD ASSOCIATION. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodstock, First,..... | 2.00 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| East Killingly,..... | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eastford,..... | 400.00 | 2.00 | 30.00 | 18.00 | 20.00 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 | 68.00 |
| Woodstock, Second,..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tolland,..... | 635.00 | 2.00 | 7.51 | 4.50 | 6.75 | 0 | 14.57 | 0 | 7.90 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.30 | 48.09 |
| Stafford,..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amsted,..... | 592.14 | 1.50 | 14.61 | 6.57 | 17.10 | 40.20 | 25.25 | 0 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0 | 5.25 | 0 | 0 | 137.64 |
| Andover,..... | 500.00 | 1.50 | 5.10 | 6.05 | 16.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37.15 |
| Willmantie,..... | 1,489.68 | 5.00 | 33.15 | 50.00 | 31.00 | 12.00 | 37.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15.58 | 0 | 0 | 178.73 |
| Willington,..... | 650.00 | 2.50 | 8.88 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 9.80 | 10.80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32.98 |
| Brooklyn,..... | 829.14 | 3.00 | 1.58 | .74 | 0 | 0 | 10.00 | 0 | 0 | .85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13.17 |

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| Thompson, Center..... | 1,220.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45.00 | 12.00 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62.00 |
| Thompson, East..... | 250.00 | \$2.50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 |
| Ashford, South Center..... | 2,500.00 | 8.00 | 25.25 | 113.50 | 208.00 | 154.00 | 115.00 | 131.00 | 38.03 | 21.05 | 22.00 | 35.00 | 75.00 | 134.00 | 1,072.43 | |
| Putnam..... | 1,200.00 | 4.00 | 10.00 | 35.10 | 24.73 | 51.52 | 26.00 | 74.37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29.85 | 0 | 40.79 | 292.56 | |
| Danielsonville..... | 125.00 | 1.50 | 5.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.47 | |
| Ashford, Second..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals..... | \$10,331.26 | \$26.50 | \$131.25 | \$236.46 | \$315.05 | \$204.42 | \$272.06 | \$255.62 | \$255.93 | \$24.50 | \$22.00 | \$85.68 | \$75.00 | \$182.05 | \$1,942.32 | |
| NEW LONDON ASSO'N. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waterford, First..... | 1,350.00 | 5.00 | 12.00 | 37.00 | 32.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93.00 |
| East Lyme, First..... | 800.00 | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colchester..... | 2,200.00 | 1.00 | 5.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5.00 |
| Norwich, First..... | 3,000.00 | 6.00 | 14.34 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,593.47 |
| New London, First..... | 760.00 | 3.00 | 41.73 | 65.50 | 109.50 | 48.52 | 27.50 | 30.00 | 7.25 | 50.00 | | 131.38 | 50.00 | 1,935.00 | 671.53 | |
| Lebanon..... | 800.00 | 2.50 | 7.80 | 0 | 0 | 20.18 | 0 | 25.00 | 42.50 | 41.72 | 69.00 | 150.32 | 0 | 23.20 | 27.98 | |
| East Haddam, Central..... | 550.00 | 2.50 | 10.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10.00 | |
| North Lyme..... | 300.00 | 2.00 | 15.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60.00 |
| Baesterfield..... | 550.00 | 1.50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waterford, Second..... | 1,040.00 | 3.00 | 0 | 19.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15.75 |
| Colchester, Borough..... | 4,016.86 | 10.00 | 14.00 | 11.00 | 0 | 0 | 29.20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40.20 |
| Norwich, Central..... | 140.00 | 1.50 | 197.78 | 100.00 | 0 | 0 | 87.13 | 0 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 75.00 | 306.74 | 157.00 | 247.00 | 1,486.19 | |
| Lake's Pond..... | 1,000.00 | 3.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| East Lyme, Second..... | 909.29 | 3.00 | 7.00 | 17.50 | 0 | 0 | 6.01 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25.00 | |
| Montville Union..... | 575.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58.09 | |
| Old Lyme..... | 450.00 | 2.50 | 8.50 | 8.50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9.81 | 0 | 0 | 56.00 | 25.00 | 0 | 13.10 | |
| Greenville..... | 1,500.00 | 5.00 | 12.74 | 2.20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75.00 | 0 | 25.00 | 51.21 | 27.00 | 116.31 | |
| New London, Huntington St. Baltic..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 273.15 | |
| Norwich, Mt. Calvary..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitchville..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals..... | \$20,691.15 | \$35.00 | \$236.11 | \$343.78 | \$392.80 | \$350.16 | \$314.07 | \$53.00 | \$132.31 | \$316.72 | | \$569.44 | \$883.21 | \$1,736.20 | \$9,217.80 | |
| FAIRFIELD COUNTY ASSO'N. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stratfield..... | 750.00 | 2.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 426.25 | | | 8.00 | 0 | 0 | | | 24.25 | 55.50 | |
| Danbury, First..... | 3,500.00 | 10.00 | 109.44 | 54.70 | 68.42 | 1113.43 | | | 27.01 | 13.94 | 0 | | | 236.65 | 613.59 | |
| Danbury, Second..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newtown..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Easton..... | 1,850.00 | 6.00 | 12.00 | 50.00 | 21.00 | 754.00 | | | 25.00 | 0 | 0 | | | 10.00 | 173.00 | |
| Norwalk..... | 4,449.96 | 10.00 | 150.73 | 439.07 | 255.91 | 150.73 | | | 86.00 | 0 | 0 | | | 1,450.41 | 2,635.12 | |
| Bridgeport, First..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White Hills..... | 35.00 | 1.50 | 3.70 | 3.75 | 0 | 11.50 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 4.25 | 13.20 | |

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+ Not designated either as "Home" or "Foreign" in Association Minutes.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.*

| SCHOOLS. | SUPERINTENDENTS. | SECRETARIES. | Teachers. | Scholars under 16. | Scholars 16 and over. | Total officers and scholars. | Number of sessions held. | Average attendance. | Church members in School. | Additions to Church from School. | Volumes in Library. | Expenses of School. | Benevolent contributions. | Have you a Teachers' Meeting? |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| STONINGTON UNION ASS'N. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Groton, First,..... | Simeon Gallup,..... | Zella Chipman,..... | 22 | 22 | 40 | 62 | 52 | 40 | 20 | 0 | 630 | \$41.92 | \$46.28 | No. |
| North Stonington, First,... | John C. Thompson,... | Sarah T. Palmer,..... | 22 | 22 | 40 | 62 | 52 | 40 | 20 | 0 | 200 | 15.19 | 30.00 | Yes. |
| Nystic Union,..... | W. E. Landers,..... | Charles F. Heath,..... | 24 | 24 | 48 | 72 | 52 | 212 | 61 | 61 | 200 | 258.67 | 30.00 | Yes. |
| Stonington, First,..... | W. J. H. Folard,..... | W. J. H. Folard,..... | 24 | 74 | 62 | 165 | 52 | 110 | 89 | 20 | 600 | 75.00 | | |
| Stonington, Second,..... | Nathan D. Smith,..... | Nathan D. Smith,..... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 52 | 80 | 75 | | 212 | 107.00 | | |
| Plainfield Union,..... | Walton Tillinghast,..... | Daniel H. Grover,..... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 52 | 80 | 75 | | 212 | 107.00 | | |
| Preston City,..... | Chas. H. Perry,..... | W. B. Frink,..... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 52 | 80 | 75 | | 212 | 107.00 | | |
| Packerville,..... | E. Park,..... | E. Freeman,..... | 9 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 52 | 51 | 55 | 66 | 3 | 400 | 27.79 | No. |
| North Stonington, Third,... | William Shepard,..... | Mary D. Eansworth,... | 13 | 21 | 40 | 74 | 52 | 30 | 30 | 1 | 200 | 16.00 | 7.00 | No. |
| Voluntown,..... | William H. Hillard,..... | Geo. A. Thompson,... | 15 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 52 | 42 | 43 | | 361 | 25.00 | | No. |
| Jewett City,..... | No returns. | No returns. | | | | | 50 | 60 | | | 200 | | 13.00 | No. |
| Ledyard,..... | No returns. | No returns. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Groton Heights,..... | A. F. Crumb,..... | Frank Edgecomb,..... | 19 | 68 | 129 | 216 | 52 | 38 | 110 | 5 | 400 | 117.31 | 17.00 | No. |
| Noank,..... | No returns. | No returns. | | | | | 52 | 20 | 18 | | 450 | 15.04 | 7.00 | No. |
| Stonington, Third,..... | Herman C. Ross,..... | Benjamin F. Ross, Sr., | 10 | 18 | 28 | 50 | 52 | 20 | 28 | 0 | 250 | | | No. |
| Poquonnoc Bridge,..... | Cyrus Avery,..... | Jennie J. Chapman,... | 14 | 33 | 40 | 97 | | | | | | | | |
| Totals,..... | | | 206 | | | 1,116 | | | | | | | | |
| ASHFORD ASSOCIATION. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waterford, First,..... | No returns. | G. H. Corbin,..... | 10 | 25 | 35 | 68 | 23 | 42 | 33 | 2 | 150 | \$12.00 | 0 | No. |
| Woodstock, First,..... | J. P. Gage,..... | Harry Jacobs,..... | 7 | 14 | 21 | 32 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 150 | 26.00 | 0 | No. |
| Thompson, East,..... | Albert F. Shelton,... | William H. Oakley,... | 11 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 52 | 30 | 16 | 0 | 250 | 10.00 | 0 | No. |
| East Killingly,..... | William H. Oakley,... | Grace Columbus,..... | 11 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 52 | 30 | 16 | 0 | 250 | 10.00 | 0 | No. |
| Eastford,..... | Fred. Davidson,..... | None,..... | 7 | 20 | 48 | 75 | 23 | 23 | 27 | | 240 | 9.93 | \$4.00 | No. |
| Woodstock, Second,..... | No returns. | Miss G. E. Hawkins,... | 11 | 22 | 30 | 63 | 52 | 27 | 39 | 4 | 235 | 23.65 | 10.16 | Yes. |
| Tolland,..... | George P. Field,..... | C. W. Hill,..... | 10 | 20 | 40 | 70 | 48 | | 30 | 9 | 160 | 14.92 | 10.90 | No. |
| Stafford,..... | Miss Adda Slate,..... | Miss Adda Slate,..... | 10 | 20 | 40 | 70 | 48 | | 30 | 9 | 160 | 14.92 | 10.90 | No. |
| Andover,..... | No returns. | C. B. Searns,..... | 10 | 17 | 48 | 73 | 51 | 34 | 38 | 2 | 220 | 12.98 | 0 | Yes. |
| Willington,..... | Rev. J. W. Searl,..... | Albert Sharp,..... | 9 | 25 | 30 | 64 | 45 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 300 | 16.00 | 4.30 | No. |
| Brooklyn,..... | J. B. Carpenter,..... | None,..... | 9 | 46 | 63 | 118 | 52 | 48 | 52 | 0 | 300 | 19.63 | 4.30 | No. |
| Willimantic,..... | Irving W. Chapman,... | W. A. Potter,..... | 30 | 166 | 138 | 334 | 52 | 126 | 88 | 3 | 303.08 | 303.08 | 16.00 | No. |

* These returns do not embrace all the schools in the State, as only a few of the Clerks reported their mission schools.

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| Ashford, So. Central,..... | No returns. | Amie Chase,..... | 28 | 47 | 75 | 43 | 40 | 47 | 8 | 300 | \$89.20 | 0 | No. |
| Thompson, Central,..... | John D. Converse,..... | James B. Bowen,..... | 34 | 189 | 323 | 546 | 52 | 280 | 301 | 0 | 356 | \$176.88 | No. |
| Pattam,..... | Edward E. Smith,..... | Cortlandt Baldwin,..... | 32 | 105 | 137 | 258 | 52 | 106 | 72 | 2 | 475 | 52.74 | 5.86 |
| Danisonville,..... | F. T. Preston,..... | Miss S. F. Carpenter,..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | 57 | 45 | 25 | 21 | 6 | 320 | 10.21 | 0 |
| Westford,..... | H. E. Buxton,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Totals,..... | ..... | ..... | 187 | ..... | 1,880 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Watford, First,..... | Thos. P. Powers,..... | C. A. Gallup,..... | 18 | 68 | 142 | 191 | 44 | 91 | 124 | 10 | 176 | \$44.67 | \$7.00 |
| East Lyme, First,..... | G. P. Rose,..... | Mrs. L. Eaton,..... | 21 | 68 | 116 | 164 | 52 | 66 | 81 | ..... | 160 | 30.00 | ..... |
| Salem,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Colchester,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Norwich, First,..... | W. R. Cowan,..... | Amie C. Lyman,..... | 27 | 156 | 102 | 236 | 52 | 129 | 93 | 6 | 400 | 380.00 | 7.25 |
| New London, Central,..... | J. Starr,..... | R. W. Hewitt,..... | 40 | 135 | 126 | 239 | 52 | 167 | ..... | ..... | 325 | 350.00 | ..... |
| Lebanon,..... | Clara Avery,..... | ..... | 13 | ..... | ..... | 123 | 50 | 40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| North Lyme,..... | Des. E. W. Kneeland,..... | Ida D. Stark,..... | 10 | 26 | 18 | 54 | 50 | 36 | 11 | ..... | 150 | 13.52 | 52.03 |
| East Haddam, Central,..... | W. E. Brewster,..... | Ida S. Stark,..... | 10 | 25 | 50 | 85 | 52 | 50 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Westford,..... | W. J. Brewster,..... | J. Leffingwell,..... | 11 | 37 | 33 | 82 | 48 | 18 | 8 | ..... | 350 | ..... | ..... |
| Barnstable,..... | Rev. S. J. Weaver,..... | Adella A. Jerome,..... | 13 | 46 | 42 | 101 | 46 | 50 | 31 | ..... | 495 | 23.00 | ..... |
| Watford, Second,..... | D. A. Starr,..... | C. F. Brown,..... | 8 | ..... | ..... | 35 | 50 | 21 | 16 | ..... | 175 | 7.50 | ..... |
| Colchester Borough,..... | L. C. Brown,..... | R. Wilcox,..... | 43 | 100 | 257 | 400 | 51 | 232 | 280 | 35 | 700 | 240.58 | 45.00 |
| Norwich, Central,..... | C. F. Satchell,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lake's Pond,..... | J. W. Luce,..... | Mrs. M. A. Carter,..... | 18 | 57 | 108 | 183 | 52 | 80 | 68 | 7 | 178 | 28.00 | 1.00 |
| East Lyme, Second,..... | D. M. Allison,..... | F. H. Rogers,..... | 18 | 90 | 81 | 199 | 52 | 95 | 61 | ..... | 200 | 25.34 | 40.33 |
| Montville Union,..... | A. Robbins,..... | C. Davison,..... | 10 | 28 | 42 | 70 | 48 | 31 | 5 | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Old Lyme,..... | A. B. Maine,..... | Mrs. R. H. Stetson,..... | 19 | ..... | ..... | 135 | 52 | 86 | 50 | 2 | 400 | 44.00 | ..... |
| Greenville (Norwich),..... | W. E. Kenyon,..... | R. F. Gates,..... | 20 | ..... | ..... | 225 | 52 | 130 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100.00 | ..... |
| New London, Huntington St.,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Baltic,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mt. Calvary, Norwich,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fitchville,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Totals,..... | 23 Schools,..... | ..... | 315 | ..... | 2,632 | ..... | ..... | 1,399 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| FAIRFIELD COUNTY ASS'N. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P. O. ADDRESS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stratford,..... | Rev. F. P. Lynch,..... | Box 2,164, Bridgeport,..... | 10 | ..... | 80 | ..... | ..... | 45 | 20 | ..... | 125 | ..... | \$43.57 |
| Danbury, First,..... | James J. Wilkes,..... | Danbury,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Danbury, Second,..... | James J. Wilkes,..... | Danbury,..... | 58 | ..... | 370 | ..... | ..... | 256 | 142 | 4 | 750 | 277.51 | ..... |
| Norwton,..... | No returns. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Easton,..... | C. S. Everett,..... | Easton,..... | 11 | ..... | 89 | ..... | ..... | 41 | 36 | ..... | 163 | 24.47 | ..... |
| Norwalk,..... | James S. Ambler,..... | Norwalk,..... | 18 | ..... | 157 | ..... | ..... | 105 | 52 | 11 | 400 | 150.00 | ..... |
| Bridgeport, First,..... | C. W. Monroe,..... | Bridgeport,..... | 46 | ..... | 460 | ..... | ..... | 245 | 95 | 8 | 618 | ..... | ..... |
| White Hills,..... | George W. Drew,..... | Birmingham,..... | 7 | ..... | 35 | ..... | ..... | 35 | 5 | ..... | 100 | ..... | ..... |

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN CONNECTICUT.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
NEW BRITAIN, Oct. 17, 1887.

In the absence of the President, Rev. L. L. Potter presided.

Rev. J. R. Stubbett read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

After singing "Nearer my God to Thee" the records of the last meeting were read and approved, and a collection was taken amounting to \$3.17.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

G. M. STONE, D.D., President.

G. H. MINER, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dr. N. W. Miner represented the Baptist Ministers' Home.

Rev. I. R. Wheelock moved that this conference re-affirm the resolution of last year, endorsing the Home, and it passed.

The same board of directors as last year was re-elected, except that Rev. A. E. Reynolds was substituted for Rev. T. S. Samson, who had removed from the State.

The same brethren were re-elected to represent this body at the Ministers' Home, as last year: brethren Hubbard, Stone, Morgan, Potter, and Morris.

The following were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for next year to report at the evening session: Wheelock, Holman, and Temple.

Rev. I. F. Stidham then read a paper on "*Inspiration; its Nature and Scope*," which gave great satisfaction, and many expressed the desire to see it in print.

Rev. J. R. Gow read a paper on "*The Scriptural Tests of Conversion*." It was practical, scholarly, and interesting.

Voted to adjourn to 7:15 o'clock after prayer by Rev. W. D. McKinney of Ansonia.

EVENING SESSION.

Dr. Stone presided.

After the singing of an anthem by the choir, Rev. Kittridge Wheeler read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. D. H. Taylor offered prayer.

Rev. G. W. Holman reported in behalf of the Committee the following programme for next year:

Papers be presented by Rev. J. V. Garton and Rev. J. W. Richardson.

The sermon in the evening be preached by Rev. L. L. Potter, and I. R. Wheelock be the alternate.

Dr. P. A. Nordell then preached from Texts 1st Epistle of John 1:5 and 4:8. The sermon was full of profound thoughts.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. Mr. Knapp.

G. H. MINER, *Secretary*.

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Term Expires 1890.

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| HON. J. M. PENDLETON, WESTERLY, R. I. | REV. E. LATHROP, D. D., NEW CANAAN. |
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| HON. J. L. HOWARD, HARTFORD. | JAMES LOCKWOOD, HARTFORD. |
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CHARTER

OF THE

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION
SOCIETY.

Passed May, 1820.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened,* That Asahel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jesse Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnel, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Asahel Otis, Jonathan Goodwin, Jun., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley, and their associates, be, and they are hereby formed into, constituted and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society,*" and by that name, they and their successors, shall, and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations, which said society may deem necessary for the government, and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said society, as expressed in their constitution—not repugnant to the laws of this State, or of the United States.

SECT. 3. The first meeting of said society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A.D. 1821.

SECT. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name of THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist indigent young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the society five dollars annually shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by its amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this State.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property; to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said Committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property, belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of

the same quarterly to said Committee, and annually to the Society. The Auditor shall examine annually or oftener the accounts and securities of the Treasurer and certify the same.

ART. 8. The Executive Committee shall annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

ART. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other necessary business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist Church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and their commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall furthermore be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. No person shall be aided by this Society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study, preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless in the opinion of the Executive Committee his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and voluntarily failing to enter the ministry or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money with interest he has received from this Society.

ART. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concern of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution, except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

NOTICE.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please direct to EDWARD MILLER, Esq., Meriden.

All communications for the Board, or application for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. I. F. STIDHAM, New Britain.

The regular meetings of the Executive Committee are on the last Monday of December, March, June, and September, at 10.30 A. M., at the office of the Hon. JAMES L. HOWARD, Hartford, Conn.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

NEW BRITAIN, Oct. 19, 1887.

This society was called to order at 9.30 A. M. by the President, Rev. C. A. Piddock. After singing "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," prayer was offered by Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D. Rev. E. P. Bond was appointed Recording Clerk.

The President announced the following committees :

On Enrollment — Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Rev. F. W. Kneeland, L. C. Glazier.

On Nomination of Officers — Rev. W. V. Garner, Sidney Crofut, and Rev. A. J. Chandler.

To Nominate Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institution — Hon. J. L. Howard, Rev. J. W. Brigham, and Rev. W. D. McKinney.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Secretary, Rev. I. F. Stidham, and is as follows :

Your Executive Committee presents the following report for the consideration of the Society. The Committee has met quarterly at Hartford, and in faith in God and confidence in the churches has accepted all applicants for aid, who have been recommended to them, who seemed in the judgment of your committee called of God to the work of the ministry. The following young men have received aid in prosecuting their studies :

L. B. Curtis, at Madison Theological Seminary.

Edward W. Potter, at Rochester Theological Seminary.

A. E. Scoville, at Newton Theological Seminary.

Messiah Mesropian, at Crozer Theological Seminary.

Walter V. Gray, at Amherst College.

Harvey M. Ives, at Madison University.

H. E. Chapman, at Brown University.

Edward J. Cooper and N. B. Prindle, at Suffield.

A. E. Scoville, E. W. Potter, and M. Mesropian have completed their studies and entered on the work of the ministry. Six students remain

from the year's list of beneficiaries, and four others have been accepted, namely:

Joseph Walther, at Worcester Academy.

A. L. Hetherington, at Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield.

E. W. Pease, at Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield.

Frank E. Robbins, at Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield.

Making ten beneficiaries. Another one has been notified to appear before the committee for examination.

In order to meet the demands upon the Society for the current year, we shall need \$1,800.00. With this tabular statement, we desire to present the following plea, which we trust will find a response in every heart in all our churches: It is our manifest duty to accept every man whom God sends to us. The amount given to each is so small that it would seem shameful for us to say that the Baptists of Connecticut were not able or not willing to render this meagre assistance. Our work should not only be heartily sustained, but much enlarged. For this maintenance—for this enlargement, we plead, trusting that the denomination will not fail in the full accomplishment of this necessary work. We urge this claim, sustained by all the pleas that are urged for God's work in Home and Foreign Missions. We desire to emphasize the fact, that while we are praying for the Lord to raise up laborers for Home and Foreign Missions, that the Lord is furnishing men, and is testing the honesty of our prayers, by requiring us to fit them for their work. Will not the brethren and sisters who are enthusiastic in their devotion to Home and Foreign Missions, remember that the supply of carefully prepared ministers is the very basis of missionary work,—is a first principle in denominational progress. We are praying the Father to raise up laborers, and He has set this and kindred societies to meet these men, and help them secure the education which will enable them to teach others. The growing intelligence of society makes it necessary that the ministry should not fall below the average attainments of educated men. Our home churches are demanding capable, full men, men of best education, men who are able to bring out of God's Word "things new and old," for the edification of the church. Our theological institutions have become their own letters of commendation to the churches, by the character and faithfulness of the ministry they have aided to form.

The supply of our home churches is equally involved with our mission-fields. We do not plead for charity. The men whom this society aids will have an education,—they will fit themselves to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Without help it will take an indefinite period. True economy on the part of Christ's people demands that we reduce the time as much as possible, that they, giving themselves wholly to study, may be more quickly prepared for their life's work. If we really desire to encourage the supply of godly men for the ministry, we must bring our prayers to a practical basis—our enthusiasm to a substantial form. Sentiment is valueless only as it is transmuted into the coin of the realm, which will pay board bills and buy books. God has given the Baptists of

Connecticut wealth, and to some large wealth. No better investment of money can be made than in the education of godly young men, and we would that the generosity of our churches would enable us to add, of godly young women. So invested, it is the capitalization of perishable gold and silver into imperishable thought and feeling, affording an income, large, constant, and eternal. Our churches and philanthropists should have pressed upon them the claims of this work. Who shall do it? How shall it be done? We have no salaried officers, and the income required is so small as not to demand such an expense. There remains but one way. On both personal and professional grounds, it is undoubtedly the duty of the pastors to see to it that the supply of carefully prepared men is kept up to the demand. In every church in this State there should be a sustained effort to develop interest. The members of the churches should be made familiar with the object of this society and its needs. We earnestly appeal to our pastors, as those placed of the Lord to lead their churches and train them in benevolence, to bring this matter to the attention of their churches, to arouse interest, to have their churches decide to contribute annually, and see to it that the collection is taken. If our pastors are indifferent, what more can be expected of the churches. Brethren and sisters — pastors and people, what will you do? Shall we stop,—dismiss these young men—confess our inability or our unwillingness to sustain fitly and fully this work, and expect a famine of the Word? God help us to decide as we should.

After remarks by Rev. Dr. S. D. Phelps, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The report of the Treasurer, Edward Miller, Esq., was read, accepted, and ordered printed in the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDWARD MILLER, *Treasurer,*

In account with CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Receipts.

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| Balance last year, Oct. 18, 1886, | - | - | - | - | \$117.25 |
| Contributions during year, - | - | - | - | - | 1,040.28 |
| Loans received, - | - | - | - | - | 300.00 |
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Expenditures.

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| Expenses of C. A. Piddock, | - | - | - | - | \$7.85 |
| Services, Convention, Rev. H. G. Weston, D.D., | - | - | - | - | 22.50 |
| Printing Minutes, 1887, W. F. Walker, | - | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| Postage and Interest, | - | - | - | - | 2.87 |
| Loans returned, | - | - | - | - | 300.00 |

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| Appropriations as per Vouchers, - - - - | \$1,027.14 |
| Balance on hand, Oct. 18, 1887, - - - - | 67.17 |
| | <hr/> \$1,457.53 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD MILLER, *Treasurer*.

HARTFORD, Oct. 17, 1887.

The above report has been examined and compared with all the vouchers and found to be correct.

THOMAS SISSON, *Auditor*.

| 1886. | DR. | |
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| Oct. 20. | To cash on hand, - - - - | \$117.25 |
| 20. | Collection, Waterbury Convention, - - | 124.50 |
| 20. | James Lockwood, - - - - | 100.00 |
| 25. | Rev. L. L. Potter, Life membership, - - | 15.00 |
| 26. | Bloomfield Church, - - - - | 14.25 |
| 26. | Pay debt, J. L. Howard, - - - \$10.00 | |
| | Rev. Mr. Grinnell, - - - 5.00 | |
| | Rev. T. W. Patten, - - - 5.00 | |
| | Rev. Mr. Nichols, - - - 5.00 | |
| | Rev. Mr. Evans, - - - 5.00 | |
| | Mr. E. H. Plant, - - - 5.00 | |
| | Edward Miller, - - - 10.00 | |
| | F. Dunham, - - - 5.00 | |
| | J. Amsbury, - - - 5.00 — | 55.00 |
| 26. | Second Church, Danbury, - - - - | 20.47 |
| Nov. 5. | Pay debt, Rev. C. A. Piddock, - - - \$5.00 | |
| | C. H. Spalding, - - - 25.00 — | 30.00 |
| 5. | East Washington Avenue Church, Bridgeport, - | 15.00 |
| 18. | Mrs. A. A. Mills, - - - - | 1.00 |
| Dec. 1. | Pay debt, Rev. Jno. G. Ward, - - - - | 1.00 |
| 3. | Union Baptist Church, Mystic River, - - | 18.64 |
| 31. | First Church, Southington, - - - - | 10.80 |
| 1887. | | |
| Jan. 3. | Judson Missionary Society, South Norwalk, - | 25.00 |
| 22. | Calvary Church, New Haven, - - - - | 25.00 |
| Feb. 4. | Wallingford Church, - - - - | 8.66 |
| 26. | New Britain Church, - - - - | 25.48 |
| Mar. 11. | Yalesville Church and Bible School, - - | 3.32 |
| 18. | Central Church, Norwich, - - - - | 50.00 |
| 31. | Middletown Church, - - - - | 10.69 |
| 31. | Edward Miller, Treas., Loan, - - - - | 25.00 |
| April 6. | Grand Ave. Church, New Haven, - - - - | 6.50 |
| 9. | Brooklyn Baptist Church, - - - - | 2.00 |
| 12. | First Church, Shelton, - - - - | 18.50 |
| 22. | M. H. Smith, Suffield, - - - - | 10.00 |

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| Apr. 22. | To J. W. Dimock, Hartford, - | - | - | - | \$10.00 |
| 23. | W. H. Fielding, Ansonia, - | - | - | - | 1.00 |
| 23. | Mrs. Mary Page, Hartford, - | - | - | - | 1.00 |
| 23. | W. J. Stanley, Waterbury, - | - | - | - | 1.00 |
| May 2. | Main St. Church, Meriden, - | - | - | - | 11.37 |
| June 9. | Hon. Francis Wayland, New Haven, | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| 15. | Sterling Baptist Church, - | - | - | - | 2.00 |
| 30. | Broad St. Church, Meriden, - | - | - | - | 50.00 |
| July 1. | Edward Miller, Treas., Loan, - | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| 11. | South Church, Hartford, - | - | - | - | 48.71 |
| 18. | Plainville Church, - | - | - | - | 5.00 |
| 18. | First Church, New London, - | - | - | - | 41.72 |
| Aug. 1. | Grand Ave. Church, New Haven, - | - | - | - | 5.95 |
| Sept. 19. | Mansfield Church, - | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| 29. | Putnam Church, - | - | - | - | 21.65 |
| Oct. 6. | North Colebrook Church, - | - | - | - | 1.00 |
| 6. | South Colebrook Church, - | - | - | - | 1.00 |
| 8. | New Canaan Church, - | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| 8. | Asylum Ave. Church, Hartford, - | - | - | - | 41.12 |
| 14. | First Church, Hartford, - | - | - | - | 127.00 |
| 14. | Plantsville Church, - | - | - | - | 5.00 |
| 15. | First Church, New Haven, - | - | - | - | 28.50 |
| 3. | Geo. L. Cooper, Loan, - | - | - | - | 175.00 |
| 15. | First Church, Tolland, - | - | - | - | 2.00 |
| 15. | First Church, Tariffville, - | - | - | - | 4.44 |
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| Oct. 26. | By expenses, Rev. C. A. Piddock, - | - | - | - | \$7.85 |
| 26. | Appropriation, Messia Mesropian, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | Harvey M. Ives, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | A. E. Scoville, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | Walter V. Gray, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | E. W. Potter, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | L. B. Curtiss, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| 20. | Rev. H. G. Weston, services at Convention at | | | | |
| | Waterbury, - | - | - | - | 22.50 |
| Dec. 31. | Appropriation, E. W. Potter, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | Harvey M. Ives, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | W. V. Gray, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | Messia Mesropian, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | A. E. Scoville, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | H. E. Chapman, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | I. F. Stidham, - | - | - | - | 4.25 |
| | Prof. J. K. Bucklin, - | - | - | - | 33.64 |
| | L. B. Curtiss, - | - | - | - | 31.25 |

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| Jan. 4. | To Postage stamps, | - | - | - | \$.50 |
| Mar. 31. | Appropriation, L. B. Curtis, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | A. E. Scoville, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | E. W. Potter, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | Messia Mesropian, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | W. V. Gray, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | H. M. Ives, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | H. E. Chapman, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| Apr. 18. | Postage stamps, | - | - | - | 1.50 |
| May 5. | Edward Miller, Treas., Loan returned, | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| June 30. | Appropriation, N. B. Prindle, | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| | E. J. Cooper, | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| | H. E. Chapman, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | W. V. Gray, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | Messia Mesropian, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | L. B. Curtis, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | H. M. Ives, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| July 19. | Printing Minutes, 1887, W. F. Walker, Treas., | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| 27. | Edward Miller, Loan returned, | - | - | - | 50.00 |
| Oct. 1. | Appropriation, E. J. Cooper, | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| | H. E. Chapman, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | H. M. Ives, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | W. V. Gray, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | L. B. Curtis, | - | - | - | 31.25 |
| | I. F. Stidham, | - | - | - | 8.00 |
| Oct. 1. | Edward Miller, Loan returned, | - | - | - | 50.00 |
| 3. | Discount on Loan, | - | - | - | .87 |
| 14. | Geo. L. Cooper, Loan returned, | - | - | - | 175.00 |
| 18. | Cash Balance on hand, | - | - | - | 67.17 |
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| Oct. 18. | To Cash Balance on hand, | - | - | - | \$67.17 |
| All of which is respectfully submitted, | | | | | |

EDWARD MILLER, *Treasurer.*

HARTFORD, Oct. 17, 1887.

The above report has been examined, and compared with all the vouchers, and found to be correct.

THOMAS SISSON, *Auditor.*

Prof. B. O. True, D.D., of the Rochester Theological Seminary, then gave an excellent address on "A True Ministry — How it may be secured." Rev. L. L. Potter, Ph.D., spoke in behalf of the Connecticut Literary Institution.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Kittridge Wheeler, P. S. Evans, W. D. McKinney, W. G. Fennell, W. V. Garner, I. F. Stidham, and G. M. Stone.

Capt. E. Morgan addressed the Society, pledging himself to give \$5,000 for canceling the floating debt of the Connecticut Literary Institution.

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following persons were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

President — Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., of New London.

Vice-Presidents — Rev. L. L. Potter, Ph.D., of Hartford, and Rev. G. H. Miner of Mystic River.

Secretary — Rev. I. F. Stidham of New Britain.

Treasurer — Mr. Edward Miller of Meriden.

Auditor — Mr. Thomas Sisson of Hartford.

Trustees — Rev. G. M. Stone of Hartford; Rev. B. W. Lockhart of Suffield; Rev. E. P. Bond of Wethersfield; J. W. Lamb, A.M., of Hartford, and Prof. M. H. Smith of Suffield.

Brother J. W. Lamb reported from the Executive Committee an amended form of the Constitution of the Society which was adopted as recommended and ordered to be printed in the Minutes together with the Charter of the Society.

A resolution was unanimously passed, expressing the thanks of the society to Rev. C. A. Piddock, for his efficient services as secretary and as president.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees for the Connecticut Literary Institution, reported through Rev. J. W. Brigham, recommending the following persons, who were elected by ballot for three years:

Rev. C. A. Piddock of Middletown; Thaddeus H. Spencer, Esq., of Suffield; Hon. J. M. Pendleton of Westerly, R. I.; M. M. Johnson, M.D., of Hartford; Hon. J. L. Howard of Hartford; A. E. Kent, Hartford; Horace M. Fuller, M.D., of Hartford; Hon. I. Luther Spencer of Suffield; Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., of New Canaan; M. J. Sheldon, Esq., of Suffield; James Lockwood, Esq., of Hartford; Samuel White, Esq., of Suffield.

The Committee on Enrollment reported that nine new life members had been secured upon the payment of \$15 each by themselves or friends, viz.: Hon. Francis Wayland, Mrs. Emma S. Stubbart, Rev. C. W. Potter, Rev. J. V. Garton, Rev. W. Ward West, Rev. D. H. Taylor, Rev. F. W. Kneeland, Mrs. F. W. Kneeland, and the future pastor of the Stamford Baptist Church.

After the benediction the Society adjourned.

Attest, I. F. STIDHAM, *Secretary*.

C. A. PIDDOCK, *President*.

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

Adams, Rev. R. J.
 Allen, Rev. N. T.
 Allen, William D.
 Alling, Mrs. Mary E.
 Alford, Elnathan
 Ambler, Annie M.
 Ambler, James L.
 Anderson, Isaac
 Andrews, Andrew
 Andrews, Isaac
 Asby, Edward
 Bailey, J. C.
 Ballard, Rev. J.
 Bartlett, Matthew J.
 Bates, James N.
 Batterson, James G.
 Beach, Sharon Y.
 Beach, Theodore B.
 Beaumont, J.
 Beers, George S.
 Bill, Oliver A.
 Birdsey, Linus
 Birdsey, Alanson
 Birdsey, R. C.
 Bond, Rev. E. P.
 Bond, Rev. J. E.
 Bromley, Rev. Henry
 Bromley, Isaac H.
 Bronson, W. S.
 Bronson, Frank S.
 Brotherton, Cyrus C.
 Brown, Rev. J. P.
 Brown, L. R.
 Burdick, R. M.
 Burdick, Mrs. J. M.
 Burgess, Rev. Isaac J.
 Burnett, Rev. J.
 Butler, Mrs. Emily J.
 Campbell, Miss Mary
 Canfield, Charles
 Chapman, Silas, Jr.
 Chase, Rev. J. N.
 Clapp, Rev. W. S.
 Clark, L.
 Clark, Deacon Lyman
 Clark, Mrs. Lyman
 Clark, Mrs. Jane A.
 Clark, William B.
 Cooper, Deacon D. S.
 Cordo, Rev. H. A.
 Crane, Rev. C. B.
 Crocker, Deacon Leonard
 Crocker, Orsamus

Croft, Henry
 Curtis, William A.
 Cutler, William D.
 Darrow, Rev. Allen
 Davis, G. F.
 Day, Albert F.
 Day, H. B.
 Dean, Rev. Wilfred
 Denison, John L.
 Denison, Rev. Frederic
 Dimock, Joseph W.
 Duncan, Rev. John
 Ellwood, Helen
 Evans, Rev. P. S.
 Ewing, William A.
 Fairman, James
 Fellowes, W. Frank
 Fillon, R. A.
 Fitch, Dr. J. C.
 Fitch, Mrs. J. C.
 Freeman, Rev. A. L.
 French, David
 Fry, Mrs. John
 Garton, Rev. J. V.
 Gates, Deacon Horace S.
 Gates, Rev. O. W.
 Gates, Mrs. Mary P.
 Gilbert, Rev. I. H.
 Gill, Rev. W. I.
 Glazier, Carlos
 Gowen, Rev. L. D.
 Gager, Charles E.
 Graves, Rev. S.
 Green, Jay
 Gridley, Joel A.
 Griffing, Richard
 Griffin, C. A.
 Hamlin, E. C.
 Hart, Daniel H.
 Hastings, E. G.
 Hayes, J. W.
 Hiscox, Rev. E. T.
 Holbrook, Rev. C. F.
 Hopper, Rev. A. M.
 Howard, James L.
 Hoyt, J. B.
 Hubbard, Mrs. Mary
 Hurlbutt, J. W.
 Hyatt, Mary A.
 Irish, Mrs. Sarah P.
 Ives, John
 Ives, N. P.
 Ives, Eli

Ives, William J.
 Ives, Mrs. Wealthy S.
 Jennings, Rev. Russell
 Jerome, Rev. E. M.
 Johnson, Rev. Cyrus A.
 Kelley, J. V. D.
 Kent, Henry P.
 Keys, William
 Kneeland, Rev. F. W.
 Kneeland, Mrs. F. W.
 Lathrop, Rev. Edward
 Lockwood, James
 Ludlow, Elizabeth
 Ludlow, Mary
 Lyon, Rev. D. D.
 Marvin, George
 Mason, Rev. A. F.
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 Spencer, Deacon J.
 Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
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 Stevens, W. B.
 Stevens, Dr. B. H.
 Steward, Mrs. Matilda
 Stockbridge, Rev. J.
 Stone, Rev. J. R.
 Strickland, James L.
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 Wallace, James A.
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THIS CERTIFIES that Mr. _____ is a regular member of the _____ Baptist Church in this town; that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in this sacred work. He is therefore, being indigent, recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the _____ Baptist Church in
 _____ Clerk. _____ Pastor.

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

ASSOCIATIONS.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 1887.

This Association met with the Union Church at Mystic River, at 10.15 o'clock, A. M. Rev. G. H. Miner, moderator last year, called the Association to order, and Rev. S. G. Hastings preached the annual sermon from Rev. ii, 28. The sum of \$8.97 was collected for the Widow's Fund. Officers elected were: Moderator, Rev. E. Dewhurst; Clerk, Rev. S. G. Hastings; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Joseph McKean. Rules read by the Moderator. The usual invitation was extended. The committees appointed were: On Benevolence, Rev. G. N. Ballentine, S. S. Lamb, E. S. Hill; Resolutions, Revs. Joseph McKean, A. J. Chandler, Dea. Robert Palmer. Next meeting, Revs. D. C. Easton, A. A. Robinson, S. G. Hastings. The committee of arrangements appointed last year reported a program which was adopted. The letter of the Mystic River Church was read, followed by some others. Dr. Palmer offered prayer on mention of the death of Dea. W. H. Potter.

2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. B. W. Lockhart of Suffield. Reports of Treasurer and Trustees of Widow's Fund read and accepted. Resumed reading of letters. Sermon from text John xx, 22, by Rev. D. H. Taylor. Extended the time for committee on Obituaries to make report. Committee on next anniversary reported that the next meeting be held with the Third North Stonington church, that Rev. A. J. Chandler preach the annual sermon, Rev. Joseph McKean be alternate. Finished reading letters. Association addressed by Drs. N. W. Miner and A. P. Mason. Adjourned.

EVENING. Praise service of half an hour. Rev. C. H. Spaulding spoke in behalf of Publication Society. Rev. G. H. Miner spoke in memory of the dead. Sermon by Rev. B. W. Lockhart from Eph. ii, 19. Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING. Prayer and praise meetings from 8 to 9 o'clock. Committee on Benevolence reported in favor of systematic collections, and recommended an annual collection for Ministers' Home of New York. Committee on Resolutions recommended a vote of thanks to the church entertaining them and to all others for assistance. A resolution was passed appointing a committee to arrange with Dr. A. G. Palmer for a service to be held at Stonington church in recognition of the completion of the fiftieth year of his pastorate. Rev. W. M. Van Meter of Italy, addressed the Association. Minutes and list of delegates read and corrected. Sermon by Rev. Joseph McKean. The State Convention work was introduced by Rev. C. A. Piddock. Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. Conference meeting at 2 o'clock continuing until 3.30. Remarks by Moderator, and adjourned to meet in 1888 with North Stonington, Third, Church on June 20th.

E. DEWHURST, *Moderator*.

S. G. HASTINGS, JOSEPH MCKEAN, *Clerks*.

The Woman's Home Mission Society held its meeting on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. M. C. Reynolds made an address of great interest, and appealed for help.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society met on Wednesday at 1 p. m. An interesting address was given by Mrs. Jewett, a returned missionary from India, in which was related some of the discouraging experiences of the first workers in that mission-field.

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21, 1887.

The New London Association held its seventieth anniversary with the church in Montville, being called to order at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, the 21st of September. Annual sermon delivered by Rev. D. Taylor of East Lyme, from text I Cor. i, 3-9. Officers elected — Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., Moderator; Rev. J. Naylor, Clerk and Treasurer. Rules of order read, and committee of arrangements appointed. Dr. Miner presented the Ministers' Home, and \$19.59 was collected for it. Reading of the letters from the

churches. Visiting brethren invited to a seat. Report of Committee of Arrangements adopted. Adjourned at 12.20 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Called to order at 2 o'clock. Resumed reading of letters. Committee on New Churches appointed, who reported in favor of fellowship with the new church in Fitchville. Mention made in the letters of the munificence of Elder Jennings to the churches of the Association. Reading of letters concluded. Right hand of fellowship given to representative of Fitchville church. Committees appointed as follows: Resolutions, Revs. L. M. Purington, J. J. Cooper, F. W. Kneeland; Obituaries, Revs. G. W. Holman, S. G. Silliman, Dea. Edw. Ray; Next Anniversary, Rev. D. H. Taylor, A. H. Manee, Dea. J. Billings; State of the Churches, Revs. G. L. Putnam, J. G. Ward, Bro. C. H. Ames. Rev. C. A. Piddock, State Missionary, presented Domestic Missions and made a ringing plea for individual effort and benevolence. Missionary sermon preached by Rev. J. Naylor of Niantic from Psalm xxii, 27. Additional report by Committee of Arrangements. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Met at 7 o'clock. Dr. McKenzie of Boston, addressed the Association on Foreign Missions. Sermon by Rev. D. H. Taylor of Norwich, from Mark iii, 16. After singing and prayer, adjourned to 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

THURSDAY FORENOON. Opened for business at 9.15 A.M. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Minutes and Roll of Delegates read and corrected. Committee on State of the Churches reported ninety-four baptisms. Committee on Next Anniversary recommended that the next anniversary be held with Second East Lyme church; sermon by Rev. G. L. Putnam, alternate, Rev. S. J. Weaver; Missionary sermon by Rev. S. S. Perkins, alternate, Rev. G. W. Holman. Discussion on advisability of changing time of meeting postponed until next year. Committee on Obituaries report forty-nine deaths in fourteen churches. An emphatic resolution on temperance was reported and discussed. A committee was named to look after the interests of weak and pastorless churches. Resolutions of thanks for entertainment and commendatory of the *Christian Secretary* were passed. Addresses were made by Rev. C. H. Spaulding for the Publication Society, Rev. G. F. Genung for Benedict Institute, the Moderator for Education Society. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Palmer of Stonington, from Psalm cxxxix,

23, 24. Adjourned to meet with Second East Lyme Church on September 19, 1888.

P. A. NORDELL, *Moderator.*

J. NAYLOR, *Clerk.*

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held in the parlors of the parsonage on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. It was largely one of prayer and very enjoyable.

The Woman's Home Mission Society held its meeting on Wednesday at 4 P. M. The report read by Mrs. Saunders stated that twelve churches had circles, and several interesting bands were sustained. Amount raised \$363.74. Remarks by Mrs. Genung, and Mrs. A. E. Gray of Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28, 1887.

The forty-ninth anniversary of this Association was held with the church at South Norwalk, on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, beginning at 11 o'clock, A. M. Annual sermon by Rev. W. V. Garner, II Cor. vi, 17. Collection for Ministers' Home of New York, amounted to \$13.39. The Clerk called to order for business, the Moderator being absent. The officers chosen were: Rev. W. V. Garner, for Moderator. H. M. Prowitt, for Clerk. J. L. Ambler, for Treasurer. Rules of order read. Letter from South Norwalk Church read, giving a welcome. Committee of Arrangements made a partial report. Eleven visitors invited to seats. Singing a hymn by a young Burmese girl. Adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Letters from the churches read. Committee appointed last year on the condition of the first church in Danbury report a low condition, and unless it received help it may become extinct. Voted to call the attention of Superintendent of Missions to the condition of First Danbury, Newtown, and Gaylordsville churches. The Moderator appointed as committees: Benevolence, Revs. H. A. Delano, C. W. Potter, D. G. Lawson, Dea. J. Gunn; Sunday-schools, Bros. W. R. Miller, J. G. Snelling, M. E. Morris, Rev. F. G. W. Foulke; Next Anniversary, Revs. E. C. Sage, J. R. Gow, Dea. J. A. Green; Topics for next year,

Revs. Dr. Hubbard, E. Lathrop, D. D., C. E. Torrey ; New Churches, Rev. L. H. Wakeman ; Obituaries, Rev. Wm. Ritzmann, Dea. A. Wisner, Dea. B. Hawley. Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., spoke in favor of the Baptist Ministers' Home. Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., made an appeal in behalf of the Home Mission Society. Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., advocated the claims of the *Christian Secretary*. The Committee on Next Anniversary reported — place, Danbury ; preacher, Rev. J. R. Gow ; alternate, Rev. H. A. Delano ; historical sermon, Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., alternate, Rev. L. H. Wakeman. The Committee on New Churches reported in favor of the admission of the First Stratford (colored), and its letter was read, and hand of fellowship given.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Devotional meeting at 7 o'clock. The Committee on Obituaries reported fifty-two having died the last year. The Committee on Sunday-schools reported. The Committee on Topic for next year reported, recommending the subject for discussion "What is needful to render the Baptist faith more effective for years to come," to be opened by Rev. D. G. Lawson, followed by Bro. J. G. Snelling. Vote of thanks to South Norwalk church for hospitality. Sermon by Rev. C. E. Torrey from I. John v, 4, followed by Rev. C. A. Piddock, in behalf of Convention work and Domestic Missions. Adjourned.

THURSDAY FORENOON. Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock. Resumed business at 10 o'clock. The list of delegates and the statistics were read and corrected. The Clerk was appointed as Corresponding Secretary. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Committee on Benevolence reported "Christian economy consists in Christian giving." Report of Committee on Sunday-schools, which was laid on the table, taken up and adopted. Appropriated \$50 to widow of Rev. E. S. Raymond and \$50 to Baptist Ministers' Home. Sermon by Rev. J. R. Gow from Matt. iii, 15. Adjourned to meet on fourth Wednesday in September, 1888, with Second Danbury church.

W. V. GARNER, D.D., *Moderator*.

H. M. PROWITT, *Clerk*.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society met in connection with the Association, Mrs. Whiting presiding. Mrs. Paradise was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*, owing to illness of Mrs. Hoyt, the

Secretary. Address by Miss Higby, twenty years a missionary in Burma, introducing a young Karen girl who had been educated in this country and about to return to teach. Amounts collected during the year, \$474.38.

MRS. PARADISE, *Secretary, pro tem.*

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARTFORD
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 1887.

The ninety-eighth meeting of the Hartford Baptist Association was called to order in the church at South Windsor by Rev. B. W. Lockhart, Moderator, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. I. F. Stidham, from John viii, 58. Collection taken for minutes. Officers chosen — Rev. I. F. Stidham, Moderator; W. W. West, Clerk; Rev. E. C. Miller, Assistant Clerk; Rev. E. P. Bond, Corresponding Secretary; J. W. Dimock, Treasurer. Rules of order read. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Appropriations were made to three beneficiaries. Letter of South Windsor Church read. Adjourned at 12.30 for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Reading of letters continued. Committees announced as follows: Place and preacher for 1888, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., F. E. Tower, E. B. Elmer; Arrangements for 1888, Rev. L. L. Potter, H. Dean, Rev. B. B. Gibbs; State of the churches, Rev. B. W. Lockhart, G. F. Davis, C. Z. Parmelee; Obituaries, Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., Rev. J. F. Temple, G. Hastings; Resolutions, S. C. Glazier, Rev. J. Jaeger, Rev. E. P. Bond. The Pastor of the Union Church, Hartford, addressed the Association, asking aid to purchase their church building. Collection taken for this purpose and the advisory committee — Revs. K. Wheeler, L. L. Potter, E. P. Bond — continued as last year. Rev. Dr. Miner presented the needs of the Ministers' Home Society. Rev. C. A. Piddock addressed the Association on the importance of Domestic Missions. Report of Committee on State of the Churches. The Moderator urged the necessity of training and educating the young people of our churches. Discussion on report of State of the Churches. Adjourned till 7 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Missionary sermon by Rev. J. F. Temple

from John iv, 35. The Moderator spoke of the needs of the Education Society. The Committee on Evangelistic Work same as last year, viz.: Revs. B. W. Lockhart, I. F. Stidham, L. L. Potter, G. M. Stone, D.D., E. C. Miller. Committee on Place and Preacher reported in favor of accepting the invitation of the Rockville Church, preacher to be Rev. K. Wheeler, alternate Rev. F. E. Tower; preacher of missionary sermon, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., alternate Rev. B. B. Gibbs. Adopted. Committee on Resolutions reported. Rev. J. Jaeger spoke of the need of work among the Germans of this State. Committee on Obituaries reported fifty-eight deaths, mentioning among others Rev. Amasa Howard, Hon. E. N. Welch, Judge B. F. Hawley, Horace Eddy, Deacon A. Corey, Rev. Thomas Benedict. Remarks were made eulogizing the dead. Dr. Phelps presented the claims of the *Christian Secretary*. After remarks by the Moderator, adjourned to meet in Rockville on Wednesday, October 10, 1888.

I. F. STIDHAM, Ph.D., *Moderator*.

W. W. WEST, *Clerk*.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAVEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, October 5, 1887.

The Association met with the Southington Church. Was called to order by the clerk at 10.30 A.M. Rev. I. R. Wheelock of Meriden was chosen Moderator. Rev. Philip S. Evans, Clerk, and Rev. W. G. Fennell, Assistant Clerk. The Treasurer, S. H. Jennings, reported \$122.10 received; \$92.25 disbursed; leaving a balance of \$29.85. As Treasurer of Widows' and Orphans' Fund he reported — having received the past year \$83.06 — that there were no disbursements, and that amount in hand is \$1,395.86. The letters from the church were read in order only intermitted by necessary business. The committees appointed through the meetings were:

On Credentials — Rev. G. H. Lester, Deacon Henry Schwab, Deacon J. L. Caldwell.

On New Churches — Revs. J. V. Garton, A. E. Reynolds, A. H. Simons.

On Place and Preacher — Revs. J. G. Ditmars, W. D. McKinney, and Brother John Berrie.

To report next year :

On State of Religion in the Churches—Revs. J. W. Richardson, E. D. Shull, and Deacon S. C. Paddock.

On Benevolent Contributions—Brethren G. I. Mix, S. H. Jennings, and B. F. Leach.

On Obituaries—Deacons E. H. Plant, James McWhinnie, and P. C. Durham.

On Executive Committee and Committee of Arrangements—The officers of the Association and Revs. J. V. Garton, E. J. Bosworth, and Deacon Giles Potter.

Visiting Brethren were invited to a seat. The invitation was accepted by Rev. Dr. Marshall, and Rev. C. H. Spalding of Massachusetts. Revs. G. M. Stone, L. L. Potter, E. B. Elmer, E. C. Miller, and Brother C. O. Spencer of Hartford Association, and Brother G. R. Tuttle of Bristol.

2 P. M. Reading of letters completed. Dr. Stone presented the claims of the Baptist Ministers' Home. By vote the churches were requested to take a collection in behalf of the Home. Rev. W. D. McKinney presented the report of the Committee on Obituaries. Seventy members had died—among them the moderator of last year—Brother J. F. Green of Meriden, and a number of influential men and women. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. D. McKinney, from Phil. iii, 8. "The Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ." *Voted*, that "If found practicable the private benevolence of members of the churches towards religious, educational, and philanthropic enterprises—and which would not otherwise appear in returns from the churches—be reported in statistics—omitting the names of the donors."

WEDNESDAY EVENING. A devotional meeting led by Rev. W. G. Fennell. Rev. B. D. Marshall spoke in behalf of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Butrick from Gal. vi, 2. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

THURSDAY MORNING. A devotional meeting at 9.30 A. M., conducted by Rev. G. H. Lester; called to order for business at 10 A. M. The Committee on New Churches reported that the Swedish Baptist Church of New Haven sought admission. The occasional sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Richardson from 2 Tim. ii, 19. Rev. C. H. Spalding of Boston, presented the claims of the American

Baptist Publication Society. The letter from the Swedish Church, New Haven, was then read. By vote, the church was received into the Association, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the pastor, Rev. K. Newquist. Rev. A. E. Reynolds presented report of Committee on Benevolence, in which he showed that the men of the churches were allowing themselves to be surpassed by the women in contributions; he also urged the claims of the Publication Society, as the only Bible and Sunday-school Society under Baptist control, and he emphasized the need of great increase of contributions to the Domestic Mission Work of the State; report accepted. *Voted*, "That this Association recognizes the importance of the work of the Publication Society, and that in view of the large number of foreigners in the State, would urge upon the society the employment of at least two colporteurs — one German and one French to labor in the State." Rev. J. G. Ditmars presented report of Committee on State of Religion, calling attention to the large number of non-resident members, also to the many brief pastorates, and urging the holding of extra associational meetings for the promotion of evangelistic labors; report adopted. *Voted*, "That Rev. J. G. Ditmars, Rev. W. H. Butrick, and Deacon Giles Potter be a committee to arrange for quarterly meetings of the Association, as suggested in Brother Ditmars' report."

Committee on Place and Preacher reported that they recommend Rev. P. S. Evans to preach the annual sermon, Rev. W. B. Vassar, alternate, and Rev. W. G. Fennell preach the missionary sermon, Rev. E. D. Shull alternate, and that the selection of a place be left to Committee of Arrangements. Reported adopted. Committee on Credentials reported 136 delegates. *Voted*, "That Deacon E. H. Plant, Deacon Kincaid, and Brother J. L. Richardson, serve as Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund." Adjourned to the first Wednesday in October, 1888, in such place as Committee of Arrangements may provide.

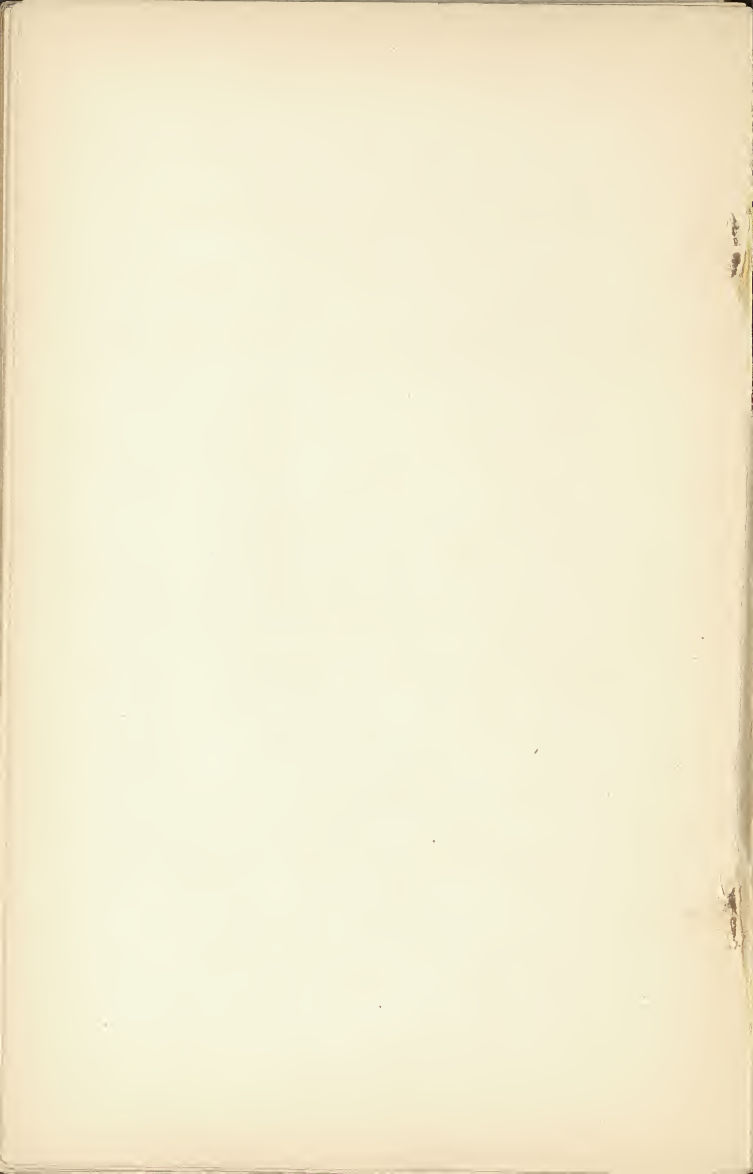
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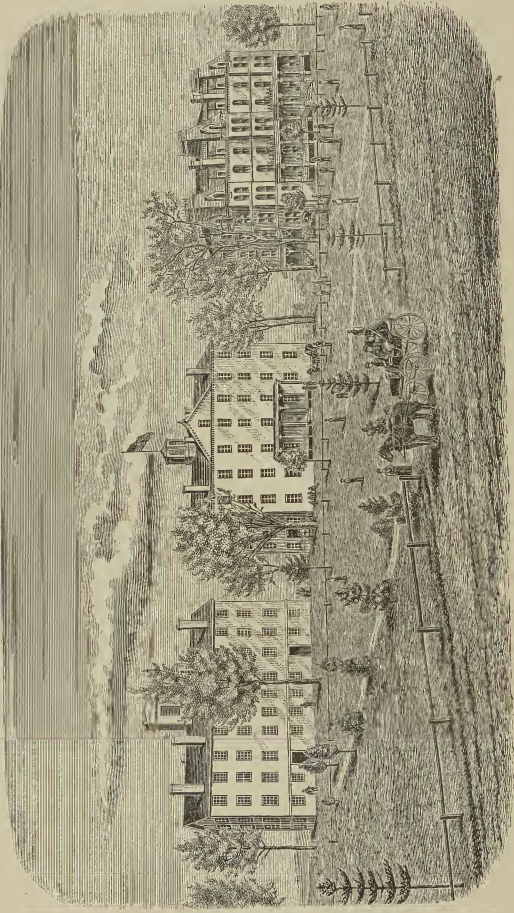
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